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NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY

OF

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA,

FROM ITS FOUNDATION IN 1768, TO ITS CENTENARY CELEBRATION
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PREFACE.

In presenting to the notice of the North British Society the following compilation from its records, a short explanation may be considered necessary.

Having held the office of Secretary of the Society during 1863-4-5, an opportunity was afforded of making myself acquainted with the facts connected with the early history and progress of the Institution. On becoming familiar with these facts, it occurred to me that they might be preserved from oblivion and rendered available for historical purposes, by arranging them in a form in which they could be laid before my fellow-members for their perusal. While contemplating this task, I found that my views were concurred in by many of the members, and during the present year the Society unanimously resolved that this project should be carried out as soon as possible after the Centenary celebration.

The principal events of each year of the Society's history will be found recorded in the form of a Diary, this being all that could be attempted in the limited time at my disposal. As a hand-book for our members it will be found to contain every incident of any importance connected with the past of the North British Society, and will, it is hoped, be to some extent serviceable and interesting.

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THE NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY was the first of those national and patriotic associations which have been formed in Halifax, having been instituted on the 26th day of March, 1768, in the nineteenth year of the settlement of the City. On the same day Saint Andrew's Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons was organized and chartered, having been founded by John Taylor and several others of those who were founders of the Society. Of the original founders, few traces remain, except in the record of these two kindred associations, and it is likely that were it not for their connection with the North British Society and with St. Andrew's Lodge, their names would now be entirely forgotten.

The changes which necessarily occur in the lapse of a century, have not only affected the membership of the Society, but have effaced some of its prominent characteristics as well. The circumstances connected with the settlement of the capital, fostered among those of its population who shared, not only the same privations and dangers

in their new abode, but the same fondness and recollections of the old country, a union of feeling and conviviality of spirit, which have been lessened in later years. As is well known the Scottish element predominated in Halifax from the period of its settlement down to a recent date, giving to the community most of its leading men, and maintaining the good fellowship and charitable disposition which generally characterize that element.

The objects which our founders had in view appear to have been the assistance of Scottish emigrants landing in the Colony, and the establishment of a medium of communication with kindred Societies in the neighboring Provinces, (under which name were included the Colonies which subsequently obtained their independence,) as well as the maintenance of a friendly feeling among the Scotchmen resident in the community, and those who visited the country for the purposes of trade. That the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY usefully served these ends is made apparent by its history. It gave to the emigrant the assistance which he could not otherwise have found in a strange country, and which in many cases led on to success and fortune. It relieved the distressed, nurtured a patriotic feeling, and co-operated with such institutions as the Thistle Society of New York and St. Andrew's Society of Philadelphia, the latter having been founded as early as 1739. These objects it accomplished, notwithstanding that for a considerable time its membership was small and its funds inconsiderable.

As stated before, the Society was formed on the 26th day of March, 1768. The first meeting was held at the house which still stands at the corner of Granville and Salter Streets, then the residence of Mr. John Taylor; and at that meeting the Constitution and Bye-Laws which follow, and which bear evidence of that careful thought and good principle which have secured the stability and usefulness of the Institution, were unanimously adopted.

"Articles of the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY, to be held at the house where the members of said Society shall think most proper, in Halifax, Nova Scotia, to commence from this day, 26th March, 1768."

"The due consideration of these articles are such, that *Whereas* sickness and death are the common lot of all mankind, in order therefore to assist each other, as much as in us lays, we the subscribers do bind ourselves into a Society under the name of THE NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY, or SCOTS CLUB, for the benefit of ourselves and assistance of each other, who may be aflicted with disease, or any other casuality or misfortune, in body, which God of his providence shall be pleased to send upon us. We do therefore by these presents, for the benefit of said society, agree to and oblige ourselves to each other, to observe the following articles, under all the restrictions and penalties herafter mentioned."

"ARTICLE 1. Every member joining this Society shall pay seven shillings and sixpence, to be deposited into the Box, and one shilling for the good of the house the first night."

"ARTICLE 2. That a proper Box be provided, at the charge of the Society, with three locks and keys, those keys to be kept by proper persons appointed by said Society, for to keep said money in, as may be delivered into said box, from time to time, all the money that shall arise for the benefit of said Society."

"ARTICLE 3. That no person is to be admitted a member of this Society, who is above the age of 45, or is not in apparent good health, or is of a scandalous character, or is not a Protestant, unless he be chosen by a majority of the members present, when application is made on his behalf."

ARTICLE 4. The Society shall meet the first Thursday of every month, at the house that the majority shall think most proper, from the hours of seven until nine in the evening, from the 26th March until 29th September, and from the 29th September until 26th March, to meet from the hours of six to eight, in the evening, at which time each member shall pay the Treasurer one shilling for the use of the box, and sixpence for the benefit of the house, where the Society may meet according to appointment."

"ARTICLE 5. The Society shall choose a Foreman or Moderator, and also two Stewards, the first night of meeting, unto whom all things relating to the Society shall be proposed, and by him or them put to vote in said Society."

"ARTICLE 6. That in case of any hurt or bodily disease of any member, the member so afflicted shall inform the Moderator or one of the Stewards,

who shall report their condition to the Society, to know what may be proper to be done for the assistance of such sick member."

"ARTICLE 7. That in case of any member continuing sick any considerable time, and may have occasion of watchers, each member in their turn shall watch with said sick member, beginning with the eldest and ending with the youngest, and shall be allowed proper Refreshment each night, according as the Moderator and the two Stewards may think proper, at the charge of the Society."

"ARTICLE 8. That in case of the death of any member the charge of the coffin, pall, grave, and attendance, shall be taken out of the Box. Six scarves, six hat bands, six pair of black gloves, and six pair white gloves shall be purchased out of the Box as soon as circumstances will allow, and likewise as much as can be afforded to be given to the widow and children of the deceased member, for their assistance; the scarves and gloves to be returned into the Box."

"ARTICLE 9. That no member shall be allowed any benefit from the Society's Box until he has been a member one year complete, and has duly paid contributions and fines, as is mentioned in these Articles."

"ARTICLE 10. That if any member shall leave the Province for any length of time, and shall on his return pay into the Treasurer of the Society one shilling for each month he has been absent, for the use of the Box, he shall still continue a member

of it, and be entitled to all the benefits arising therefrom."

"ARTICLE 11. That a book be provided, at the expense of the Society, wherein shall be inserted all the members names, and their proceedings from time to time, in which these Articles are to be inserted, with the payments made, fines, account of cash in the Box, and call over the members names, in order that if any member should be absent, that he may be fined or excused, as the Society shall direct, which book or books shall be open to the Society at every meeting."

"ARTICLE 12. That if any member shall at any Monthly Meeting, or in Club hours, or at the time of business, presume to blaspheme the name of Almighty God by cursing or swearing, for every such offence he shall pay for the first the sum of sixpence, for the second one shilling, and sixpence is to be added at every time that such offence may be repeated, for the use of the Box."

"ARTICLE 13. Any member who shall not attend the funeral of any deceased member, after he being duly warned, shall forfeit the sum of two shillings and sixpence for the use of the Society."

"ARTICLE 14. That if any member shall absent himself three monthly meetings, and cannot give sufficient reason for his so doing, he shall pay into the box one shilling over and above his monthly contribution."

"ARTICLE 15. Upon the Moderator striking with some implement on the table, there is to be a most profound silence, any member offending against

said Rule to pay sixpence for the use of the Box."

ARTICLE 16. No liquor to be called for but by the Moderator or Stewards for the use of the Society. Any member offending in this case is to pay for whatever he may call for himself."

"ARTICLE 17. No member is to leave the room without the consent of the Moderator, or to pay into the box sixpence, as it will be deemed an offence."

"ARTICLE 18. As our General Festival is kept on the thirtieth day of November, annually, in commemoration of Saint Andrew our Patron, we therefore think proper, on that day, to choose such persons to regulate the Society as the majority of the said Society may judge most fit to regulate them."

"ARTICLE 19. That if any member absents himself from this Society upon a meeting night, after being duly warned, and does not send a sufficient excuse, shall be fined sixpence, if an officer, one shilling, and if the Moderator, double to any officer."

"ARTICLE 20. Any member found guilty of a breach of any of the foregoing articles shall be immediately fined by the Moderator, without putting it to vote in the Society."

To the foregoing articles we subscribe our names.

John Taylor,	Walter Harkness,
John Gillespie,	John Geddes,
William Scott,	Daniel Morrison,
William McLennan,	James Thomson,
Robert Killo,	John McCrae,
James Clark,	William Luke,
John Fraser,	Thomas McLennan.

ANNALS.

1768.

As the first meetings cannot but prove interesting, I shall copy them without abridgment from the original.

PROCEEDING YE 1ST.

It was agreed on by the majority of the Society met at ye House of Mr. John Taylor, Tuesday 29th March, 1768, to duly elect Mr. John Gillespie Moderator. William Scott and Thomas McLennan were duly elected Stewards, and Mr. James Clark, Secretary. It was agreed on, to meet the first Thursday of every month following, but John Gillespie having occasion to leave the Colony appointed John Taylor to act as Moderator for the time being, and James Thomson, a Cabinetmaker, was ordered to make a Box and Mallet.

Dr. the Box.

	£. s. d.
To bal. by ye Society.....	4 2 6
To James Clarke's fine.....	0 0 6
	£4 3 0
Remains in the Box.....	£2 15 8
Cr.....	1 7 4
	£4 3 0

Contra.	Cr. £.	s.	d.
By cash for a Box	0	12	0
3 locks and 3 keys for do	0	3	4
Painting the Box	0	2	6
A Book for ye Society	0	7	0
Nails for the Box	0	1	4
1 quire paper	0	1	2
	£1	7	4

adjourned to May 5th, 1768.

MAY 5TH, 1768—PROCEEDING 2ND.

At the House of John Taylor it was agreed by the Society that any person who has not yet made application shall at any time before the next meeting, on their being admitted, be allowed the same privilege as the present members, on their paying the full arrears from the first day of the Society's meeting until the time of their entry. It is also agreed that our friend Thos. McLennan is to warn all the members the next day of meeting. The Society closed at nine of ye clock in good order.

Cash left in the Box this night.....£3 19 8

AT THE HOUSE OF JOHN TAYLOR,
Halifax, 2nd June, 1768.

PROCEEDING THE 3RD.

It is unanimously agreed that the Annual Feast of this Society be held on the thirtieth day of November, yearly, it being St. Andrew's day. If it should happen on a Sunday, then it is to be kept the next day following.

It is further agreed that persons applying to become members of this Society may be admitted upon the same terms as at the beginning of the Society, notwithstanding the Rule of last night's meeting, to continue until the next monthly meeting be passed, and no longer, except on further consideration.

Paid to the Box.....	£0	17	0
Remains in the Box.....	4	16	8

JULY 7TH.—PROCEEDING THE 4TH.

Mr. John Gillespie, Moderator of the Society, having returned to the place has taken charge of the Society this night, and had the implements of his office delivered to him, also a true account of the Society's cash then in the Box, and then took the Chair.

Amount of cash brought forward.....	£4	16	8
Paid to the Box.....	0	12	0
Remains in the Box this night.....	£5	8	8

The Society closed at a quarter past nine o'clock.

AUGUST 3RD.—PROCEEDINGS THE 5TH.

The Society met at the house of John Taylor.

Amount of cash in the Box, brought forward	£5	8	8
Paid to the Box.....	0	12	0
	£6	0	8

The Society closed according to their usual harmony.

SEPT. 1ST.—PROCEEDING 6TH.

The Society met at the house of John Taylor.

It is unanimously agreed that the Box, and whatever money may at any time be in it, be kept by the Moderator for the time being, at his own house, for the be'ter security of the same. Also, that this Society shall hold three monthly meetings at each member's house, that keeps a house of entertainment, in their proper turns. This motion was made from considering the distressed condition of a member through sickness, as well as from their mutual inclination of assisting each other.

Amount of cash in the Box, brought forward.....	£6	0	8
Received in the Box.....	0	12	0
Remains in the Box this night.....	£6	12	8

The Society closed in great harmony, as usual.

From this time on, till the November meeting of 1769, we find but little to note. The meetings, as already shewn, were held monthly, but little business was transacted, as the sphere at that early period in the history of Halifax and of our Society was but limited. The Society met monthly, called the roll, paid the dues, and after slight refreshment, separated for their homes; but no doubt their meetings, monotonous as they appear noted, were events in the month of each member, and were punctually attended by our founders.

The next meeting of interest to note, is that of

1769.

NOVEMBER 2ND.

The Society met at the house of Wm. McLennan. This being the last meeting before St. Andrew's Day, the Society proceeded to elect officers to rule the Club for the ensuing year, when the following were elected:

John Gillespie, *Moderator* (re-elected),
John Taylor and John MacCra, *Stewards.*
James Clark, *Secretary.*

The Society agreed to dine at the Moderator's house on St. Andrew's Day, the 30th instant, and this because William McLennan could not undertake to prepare the dinner. The Society decided this a very fair reason.

NOVEMBER 30TH.

The Scots Society met at the house of John Gillespie, Moderator. The Society proceeded to install their new officers, as before named; this done, an elegant dinner was tabled, to which several gentlemen of this town, (our countrymen), not belonging to the Club were invited. After dinner, many loyal toasts, healths and sentiments were drunk, with the memory of St. Andrew in the conclusion of every one of them; in fine, the day was crowned with the utmost festivity, mirth, jollity, and ancient Scottish songs.

Small comment is required on the above; that they must have had a good time, the next minutes of meeting will testify, which read thus:—

DECEMBER, 7TH.

The Scot's Society met at Mr. John Gillespie's, being the first meeting after the joyous celebration of St. Andrew's.

In the Box.....£16 9 0

Capt. George Elliot became a member.

From this time until the meeting of 7th June, 1770, nothing of interest appears to have transpired; but at that meeting Mr. Peter McNab (from whom the present well known family are descended) was pleased to offer himself as a member, and was unanimously elected.

1770.

At the September meeting the Society was visited by Mr. McIlworth, a member and representative of the St. Andrew's Society, of New York.

NOVEMBER 1ST.

The Society met at the house of John Gillespie

In the Box.....£19 14 10

this being the last monthly meeting at this house. It is for certain reasons unanimously agreed that the members meet at the house of John Taylor upon Wednesday, 5th December, and there spend 1s. 6d. each. Any member not attending, or not sending his money, to be fined according to the Articles. It is further agreed that the Society dine at the house of John Gillespie, St. Andrew's Day.

The officers of last year were unanimously re-elected.

NOVEMBER 30TH.

The Society met at the house of John Gillespie, and installed their officers and had another joyous time, chronicled in the very exact terms of the preceding St. Andrew's meeting, the day being crowned, &c.

The next meeting was held by appointment at the house of Wm. McLennan. The dues and entrance money, now amount in the Box to.....£23 4 4

1771.

MAY 2ND.

At this meeting Mr. John Patterson was unanimously elected as a member.

NOVEMBER 4.

Meeting held at the house of John Gillespie, the office-bearers now serving were unanimously re-elected for the ensuing year, and the Society dined as usual on St. Andrew's at the Moderator's house, and the Box contains £27 12 4.

1772.

MAY 7TH.

The Scot's Society met at the house of John Gillespie.

In the Box.....£30 4 9

The above sum of the Society's money amounting to over Thirty Pounds, by the unanimous voice of the members present was deposited in the hands of Thomas McLennan to keep safe, till demanded, by

reason of John Gillespie's bad state of health, and the confusion of affairs in his house occasioned thereby, by order of the Moderator, Stewards and members present.

JULY 6TH.

"The Scot's Society, at the request of the great majority of seven to two, met at the house of John MacCrae, one of the Stewards, where the whole were warned, one meeting having passed without doing of business since the death of John Gillespie, late Moderator. Sergt. James Sutherland joined the Society this evening. The design of this meeting was to choose a Moderator for the time being until next St. Andrew's day, and also to vote for a proper house to transact business in, when it was unanimonsly agreed to meet at the house of Wm. McLennan. The two absent members being accidentally possessed of the three keys of the Box the proceedings could not be recorded until the September meeting." Mr. Peter McNab was duly elected Moderator until the November meeting, and the funeral charges of John Gillespie were ordered to be paid. Articles for the service of the Society to remain in the Box, viz.—

Paid James Clarke sundries for the funeral of Moderator Gillespie.....	£4	2	10
" Jas. Clark for alamode, gloves, crape and ferrit to complete the mourning..... Articles in the Box for the use of the Society..... ...	4	18	3

Paid for the pall, grave and bell.....	2	0	0
To Wm. McLennan for watching.....	2	0	0
" Angus Morrison for do.....	1	0	0
	£14	1	1

This was the first death in the Society, and appears to have been that of a very popular man.

NOVEMBER 5TH.

"The Society met at the house of Widow Gillespie, when it was resolved that the Society dine at this house on St. Andrew's day.

It is further resolved that this Society meet to do business only once a quarter, viz., the first Thursdays in March, June, September and December, excepting upon emergency; in that case every member shall be duly warned. It is further resolved that the said quarterly meetings be held at the house of Mrs. Gillespie until the majority think proper to vote some other house. There will be a meeting on the first Thursday of December to settle the expenses of St. Andrew's day."

The Society met on St. Andrew's day at the house of Widow Gillespie, and the day was spent, as the Minutes read, in harmony, joy and jollity and ancient Scots' songs.

1773.

This year the four Quarterly meetings were held at the house of Peter McNab, but little is recorded. Robert Gillespie was admitted a member, and John Patterson, who was admitted in 1771, died, and was buried at the expense of the Society.

"On the 30th of November, St. Andrew's day the Society met to celebrate the anniversary at the house of John Rider, where several gentlemen of the Army and Navy, and of the Town, our countrymen, had been invited to a dinner in ancient Scot's taste. After dinner many loyal toasts, healths and sentiments were drunk. In fine, the day was crowned with the utmost festivity, mirth, good humour and ancient Scots songs."

Prior to this dinner the re-elected officers of the previous year were duly installed.

1774.

MARCH 3RD.

The Scots Society met at the house of John Rider.

Major MacDonald, 59th Regiment, became a member.

This night John MacCrae borrowed the sum of £19 14s. 6d., at 6 per cent. interest, when Robert Campbell and Peter MacNab became securities.

Alexander Thompson,
Robert Campbell, and
William Allen,

were enrolled as members.

At the next meeting of this year Alexander Ross and Robert MacGowan were unanimously elected, and signed the Roll. Robt. Campbell died and was buried by the Society before the close of the year.

The Society celebrated their anniversary at the house of Mr. John Rider, where the day was spent in the usual taste and manner, after installing the re-elected officers of the past for the incoming year.

1775.

The four quarterly meetings were held as usual this year, but very little is recorded. The office-bearers were re-elected, the anniversary celebrated as usual, and the Society's funds at the close of the year in the Box amounted to £31 7 0.

1776

Passed away like its predecessor; no changes and not one acquisition. The disturbance in the neighbouring colonies, which was much felt in the city, having caused this apathy in the Society's affairs, but the anniversary was not forgotten. A large company of Scots assembled at the house of John Rider, the great Tavern at that time, and honoured the day most heartily.

The dues collected in the Box now amounted to £37 10 0

At the above meeting the officers were installed for the ensuing year; no changes; all re-elected.

1777

Witnessed considerable improvement in the Society's affairs. The four quarterly meetings were held at the house of John Rider. The work of charity was well attended to, and the following gentlemen joined, viz. :—

James Dickson, John Mowatt,
John Miller, Alex. Brymer,
John Ratrie, James Black,
and William Bowie.

Amongst those one in particular must be be noticed, Mr. Alexander Brymer, one of the most

useful and popular members the Society has had. Mr. B. came to Halifax from Glasgow in 1769, and commenced business in a humble way, but by perseverence and a genial manner he became quite a favorite in trade, and amassed a large fortune, his memory still flourishes green in Halifax. From the number of anecdotes still extant of his very liberal character and his many charities, we judge that he was a man deserving of the great popularity he enjoyed with the citizens and the Society.

The Society and countrymen, twenty-seven in number, celebrated St. Andrew's at the Old Pontac. This old popular resort stood at the north corner of Duke and Water Streets, close to the beach. It was at this Tavern that all the public entertainments took place. It was kept by a Mr. Willis, who opened it in 1769. As this was for many years the meeting place of the Society, it may be of interest to copy the proprietor's notice of opening the house, from the Nova Scotia Chronicle of Oct. 10, 1769:—"This is to inform the public that John Willis has lately opened the house to be known by the name of Great Pontac, which he proposes to improve in Public Entertainment, where gentlemen of every profession, both of Town and Country, may rely on being genteely treated at the most reasonable rates. He also proposes keeping a Chop House, where Gentlemen may be supplied with the greatest despatch, and dinners dressed at the shortest notice. He begs leave to inform the Ladies that he has a good convenience for Baking, in which

they may depend on having their commands duly performed to the greatest nicety, and hot mutton pies every day. As he has very good convenience for Stabling, and a Slaughter House on the Premises, he proposes to open a correspondence with the Country Gentlemen, where they can kill and dispose of such cattle as they may have occasion for, and shall always make it a point to assist to the utmost such gentlemen as shall favor him with their commands with the greatest despatch.

He also begs leave to inform the public that he has a large and commodious Assembly Room, which is well fitted, and he now hopes to have the honour of the patronage of the Public, and the best attendance may be depended upon from their most obedient and obliged humble servant,

JOHN WILLIS."

The old Pontac was all to the public that the above advertisement professed it to be. Many of the oldest inhabitants recollect it. The Assembly Rooms were on the second floor; a large verandah ran quite around the house, and underneath, butchers' stalls, with the slaughter house and bakery, filled the ground floor. It was a great resort for the loungers of the town, and all kinds of assignations and business were made and attended to at the Pontac. We can understand from the above quaint advertisement its value to the inhabitants at that early time. Slaughter-house, ball-room, public and bakery, butchers' stalls, and stabling all attended to under one roof, its court-yard for waggons, &c., being in the

centre of the building. From this place notices were issued for public meetings, and at this variety house our society met for many years.

On the 30th November, previous to the dinner, the following gentlemen were installed office-bearers for the ensuing year :—

William Allen, *Moderator*.
John MacCrae and Alexander Ross, *Stewards*.
Robert MacGowan, *Secretary*.

Several of the Moderator's descendants have been, until very lately, connected with the Society, and favourably known in the city. He was a very popular man with the Society for many years, being a whole-souled Scotchman and the life of the meetings.

1778.

The Quarterly meetings of this year were held at the Great Pontac Tavern; but the unsettled state of matters in the neighboring Colonies could not but be felt in this city, so near the theatre of war; and although a most popular and estimable man was at the head of the Society, but little was done. Two gentlemen joined this year: Lieut. Hyndman, H.M. Ship "Revenge," and Wm. Hogg.

The 30th November was celebrated by dining together, the same joyous event being duly recorded; and on that day

Alexander Brymer was chosen *Moderator*.
John MacCrae and Alexander Ross, *Stewards*.
Robert MacGowan, *Secretary*.

1779.

Under the able Presidency of Alexander Brymer, the Society flourished, but only one acquisition was made: Robert Nisbet. The Society decided this year to admit gentlemen (not countrymen) whom they might wish to invite as guests to the annual dinner, as the following resolution was carried at the March meeting:—

"That every member introducing a friend to the celebration of St. Andrews's Day, shall give at least three days' notice, before the time, and have the approbation of the President, or Acting President; and that every member introducing such friend, shall be accountable for his or the reckoning of such friends as he may introduce."

Alexander Brymer was unanimously elected, at the November meeting, Moderator, and Alexander Ross and John MacCrae Stewards for the ensuing year.

St. Andrew's was duly honored by dining together at the Pontac, when several distinguished persons took part as guests of the Society, the day being given up to festivity and enjoyment.

1780

Was one of marked prosperity and advance in the annals of the Society. More note is now made of the meetings, the charities are larger, the debates keener, and the funds are becoming considerable.

During this year the following were admitted members: Patrick MacMaster, Andrew MacGill,

Charles Adams, Andrew Thompson, and Michael Wallace; the last-named a great favorite with the Society, and a most active, true, and energetic member. Both himself and family have been distinguished as active men in the Society and the community. Coming to the Colony from Scotland when very young, he at once became a leading man and through a long and honorable career, by his integrity and industry, attained the highest offices in the Society, the City, and Colony.

The four Quarterly Meetings were held at the Pontac. At the Annual meeting a great variety of business was transacted, and the following gentlemen elected office-bearers:—

Alexander Brymer, *Moderator*,
Peter MacNab, *Vice Do.*,
John MacCrae and Alex. Ross, *Stewards*,
Andrew MacGill, *Secretary*,
Andrew Thomson, *Assist. Secretary*.

Nett cash surplus funds at this date: £91 7s 5½d: which were lent by the Society to Peter MacNab, the Vice-Moderator; he giving bonds and engaging to pay 6 per cent. per annum for the money.

The festival was observed by dining together at the Great Pontac, on the 30th, and passed off as usual, or, as the records have it, "the day was crowned with mirth and jollity."

1781.

The Society held its four Quarterly Meetings at the Pontac. A considerable sum was expended in charity; and we find that a Lottery being on foot

in the Town for raising a sum sufficient to establish a School, the Society invested to the extent of ten tickets, at £1 each, only one of which was successful, the winning number gaining a prize of £2; rather a losing venture for the Society; but as the Lottery was well patronized by the Town, the members considered it a duty, (as the object to be attained was a good one,) to invest a small amount.

At the November meeting—

Andrew MacGill was elected *President*,
Alexander Thomson, *Vice Do.*,
John MacCrae and Alex. Ross, *Stewards*,
Michael Wallace, *Secretary*.

The anniversary was well attended, as the following record of the event will testify:—

"*Friday*, 30*th November*, 1781, *being St. Andrew's*—This day, as by general appointment, the Society met at Mr. Willis' Old Pontac Tavern, with a number of their countrymen and others, to celebrate the festival. At precisely three o'clock the company sat down to an elegant dinner. Mr. MacGill, our President elect, requested Mr. James Dickson, one of our most popular and worthy members to preside on this occasion. He took the chair, and the following loyal toasts were drunk after dinner:—

"The King and St. Andrew,
"Land of Cakes and Do.,
"St. George, Old England and Do.,
"St. David, Ancient Britons and Do.,
"St. Patrick, Ireland and Do.,

"Lt. Governor of the Province and Do.,
"The Navy, Army and Do.,
"General Campbell, Garrison and Do."

And at the request of Mr. Thomson, Vice-President—

"The Mother of all Saints, and St. Andrew;" the last toast having been omitted at first, on account of Rev. Dr. Breynton being present.

After the above, two rounds of toasts were drunk by the company, and the evening was closed in great mirth, harmony, jollity, and Scots feeling."

The funds of the Society at the annual statement this year amounted to £101 17s. 7d.; and £100 was bonded by Peter MacNab, at 6 per cent. interest. Mr. MacGill, elected this year to fill the office of President, was a gentleman doing an extensive business in the West India trade. He returned to Scotland in 1790.

1782.

This year was quite a stirring one in the annals of our Society, as several gentlemen joined, whose descendants are at this day numbered with the Society, viz:

Alexander Green, John Bremner,
Dr. John Halliburton, (father of the late Chief Justice Halliburton);
George Grant, George Smith,
Wm. Shand, William Cater,
James Veitch, Richard Kidston,
James Dechman, Alexander Copeland,
Robert Burns, James Strachan,
William Hogg, Alexander Anderson.

Several of the above-named had just arrived from the neighboring Colonies, as their loyal

sentiments were too well known to allow of their remaining there any longer in safety. Their coming to Halifax proved a valuable acquisition, as they were all well educated, and of such a stamp as to elevate the tone of the community.

Amongst other business transacted this year, may be mentioned Peter MacNab surrendering the Society's bond to W. Allen, for £106, who agreed to receive it.

At the November meeting—

Mr. Andrew Thomson was elected *President*,
Michael Wallace, *Vice-President*.
James Strachan, } *Joint Secretaries*,
Alex. Green, }

A large company assembled at the Pontac on St. Andrew's Day, which passed off as usual, "in great harmony."

1783.

In examining the records for this year, we find an increasing interest manifested by the members. The meetings were well attended, and a respectable number of additions were made to the ranks of the Society. The meetings were held at the Old Pontac, as usual, and nearly every member on the roll attended. The following were admitted members:—

Wm. Davidson,	Thomas Manson,
Wm. Gibbon,	James Hunter,
Wm. Lyon,	Robert Geddes,
Charles Geddes,	Robert Lyon,
Peter Lennox,	John Ritchie,
George MacCrae,	George Gunn.

The funds of the Society are now, from various sources, accumulating, as we find the Bond transferred to Alex. Ross, for £150; and that after a respectable amount had been expended in various charities, Alex. Brymer was created a perpetual member, at his own request, he paying £10 for the honor, and receiving the unanimous thanks of the Society.

At the annual meeting, the following gentlemen were elected office-bearers for the ensuing year:—

Michael Wallace, *President*,
James Strachan, *Vice Do.*,
Robert Burns, *Secretary*,
Alex. Copeland, *Asst. Do.*
Wm. Allen, *Treasurer*,
Alex. Ross and John MacCrae, *Stewards*.

At this meeting the following gentlemen were appointed a committee to revise the Rules of the Society, and have them properly digested for the approval of the members:—

Messrs. Wallace Burns, Strachan, Copeland and Anderson.

The celebration of St. Andrew was well attended to. About 80 persons dined together at the Pontac Tavern. The dinner was attended by representatives of the Army, Navy, Bench and Bar.

1784.

This year, under the able management of the office-bearers, the Society progressed favorably; the meetings were largely attended, a considerable

amount of business was transacted at each meeting, and a number of gentlemen were added to the roll, several of them leading men in the Colony viz.:—

Anthony Stewart,	Rev. Thos. Russell,
Wm. Campbell,	Daniel MacMaster,
James Benvie,	Joseph Gilchrist,
David Ferguson,	William Gordon,
James Wallace,	William Forsyth,
Peter Wemyss,	Dr. Duncan Clark,
George Rodgers,	Alex. MacDonald.

Alexander Thomson, being about to leave the Province to end his days in Scotland, became a Perpetual Member, by paying £10. A Silver Cross and Ribbon, to be worn by the President while presiding at the meetings, was presented by Peter Lennox. At the November meeting, the following gentlemen were elected to preside over the Society's interests for 1785:—

Anthony Stewart, *President*,
Geo. Smith, *Vice Do.*,
David Ferguson, *Secretary*,
Alexander Ross, *Treasurer*,
John MacCrae, *Steward*.

Over one hundred persons sat down to the annual dinner on the 30th, and the day was marked by several talented speeches being delivered on the occasion by the President, Dr. John Haliburton, Michael Wallace, and other leading men of the city. A large amount was expended in charity during the year, and the funds noted as "steadily accumulating."

1785.

The Society held its four quarterly meetings at the Pontac. At this date it numbered in its ranks many of the influential Scotchmen of the city, it gradually extended its charities, and helped many who about this time emigrated to the Province. The following gentlemen enrolled themselves this year:

John Cannel,	Robert Buchanan,
Donald MacLean,	John Leckie,
Andrew Liddell,	John Patterson,
Peter Smith,	Thomas Gordon,
Thomas Robertson,	William Annand,

The President obtained leave of absence from the Society to visit the Old Country. "The funds now in hand amount to £190." The following office-earers were elected to serve for 1786;—

George Smith, *President*,
Dr. John Haliburton, *Vice Do.*,
William Lyon, *Secretary*,
Andrew Liddell, *Asst. Do.*,
Alexander Ross, *Treasurer*,
John MacCrae and Alex. Ross, *Stewards*.

A magnificent dinner was given on the 30th, at which all the leading men of the Province were present. Wit, mirth, and good speeches occupied the time from three in the afternoon until ten at night.

1786.

If records are a criterion of a Society's growing popularity and importance, the North British must this year have made great progress, as the

transaction of a great amount of business is recorded.

A committee appointed to revise the Rules, reported during this year, and their work was unanimously approved of,and the report was ordered to be printed at the Society's expense. A Messenger, Wm. Campbell, was appointed. Two Assistant Vice-Presidents, Charles Geddes and James King, were also appointed. A long list of persons were relieved; and the benefit of our institution was felt during the winter by the number of poor countrymen who arrived late in the previous autumn. The following members were enrolled during the year :—

William Duffus,	John MacGee,
James Alexander,	John Bremner,
John Anderson,	William Vietch,
Andrew Gray,	James Ewing,
George MacIntosh,	Peter Muir,

Robert Killo.

As the revised Rules and Bye-Laws adopted this year for the future government of the Society do not differ materially from those under which the Society was subsequently incorporated, we will only note the preamble and first five leading rules.

"*Preamble.*—Every institution calculated for the charitable relief and assistance of our fellow-creatures in want and distress, is certainly commendable. Such, it is hoped, the North British Society of Halifax will be acknowledged by all who candidly peruse the subsequent Rules of their institution.

"When people fall into misfortune and distress in any part of the world remote from the place of their nativity, they are ever ready to apply for relief to those originally from the same country, on the supposition that they may possibly have connection by blood with some of them, or at least know something of their relations.

"On this account the natives of Scotland, and those descended of Scots parentage in the Town of Halifax, agreed, in the year 1768, to form themselves into a Society, the principal design of which was to raise and keep a sum of money in readiness for the above creditable purpose.

"The good effects of it have been experienced for these eighteen years past; and though the application of this charity has been of course confined, as has the manner of collecting it, yet it may not prevent the Society from acting up to the principles of universal charity on other occasions, when their funds will afford to extend it."

RULES OF THE NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY, OF HALIFAX, NOVA-SCOTIA.

(REVISED AND ADOPTED MAY 3RD, 1786.)

"1st.—The Society shall continue by the name of 'The North British Society' at Halifax, in the Province of Nova-Scotia.

"2nd.—For maintaining a good understanding, acquaintance and fellowship with each other, the members of this Society shall assemble at some convenient house in the Town of Halifax, four times a year, besides their anniversary meeting, viz., the

first Thursday in November, February, May and August. At those meetings the Society, or the major part of the members then met, may resolve upon and vote further rules and orders, as may from time to time be found necessary and convenient for its regulation and harmony.

"3rd—At the meeting in November, the members then regularly met shall by majority of votes elect the officers for the ensuing year, viz., a President, Vice-President, two Assistants, a Treasurer, Secretary and Messenger, who must be all residents in the Town of Halifax.

"4th—The meeting of St. Andrew's day shall be called the Anniversary Assembly of the North British Society, on which day, or the day following, if that happen to be on Sunday, the officers elect are to enter upon their offices for the year ensuing.

"5th—A majority of the members met at any of the quarterly meetings shall, upon due application made, have power to admit into the Society any man of honour and integrity as a resident member, provided he be a North Briton, or the son of a North Briton, and be previously proposed to the Society by one or more members, and approved by a majority at one of the quarterly meetings; and with respect to honorary members, that is to say, such gentlemen as do not statedly reside in the Province, but become contributors and benefactors, their admission shall be wholly left to the direction of the President and Assistants.

"Voted unanimously, agreed, and sealed with the Society Seal, at the Town of Halifax, in the Pro-

vince of Nova Scotia, at a quarterly meeting of the said Society, the third day of May, in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-Six."

It is worthy of notice here that but John MacCrae of the original fourteen who first met to organize the Society, signed the above rules, the remainder were all dead, or had gone back to Scotland within the short space of eighteen years. The annual meeting this year was the largest ever held since the formation of the Society. The following gentlemen were, by their request, added to the roll of honorary members :—

Col. Thomas Dundas.
Major Hugh M. Gordon,
Hon. Henry Duncan (Commander R.N.,)
Peter Hunter,

and took their seats during the evening. The Society made choice of the following named gentlemen for office-bearers for the ensuing year, 1787 :—

Doct. John Halliburton, *President.*
Mr. William Forsyth, *Vice do.*
Doct. D. Clarke, *Senior Asst. do.*
Thomas Robertson, *Junior do. do.*
Alexander Ross, *Treasurer.*
Andw. Liddell and Anthony Paterson, *Sectys.*

The Festival of the 30th Nov. was celebrated as usual by a Grand Dinner at the Pontac Tavern, at which 150 were present. Amongst the invited

guests of the Society were Governor Parr, Governor Wentworth, and their Secretaries, the Presidents and Vice Presidents of the St. George's, German and Irish Societies. The Dinner passed off with great *eclat*, and was under the able management of the following gentlemen, who received the thanks of the Society for the able manner in which they discharged their duties :—

Doct. John Halliburton,
Hon. Michael Wallace,
Hon. Alexander Brymer,
Hon. Anthony Stewart,
Andrew McGill.

About £75 was disbursed this year amongst the poor emigrants who arrived during the summer.

1787.

This year the Society had at its head one of the most popular men who ever held that office—Doctor John Halliburton, who, by his winning manner, induced members to take even a more than ordinary interest in the business of the meetings, which were all well attended. During the year the following were admitted members :—

Adam Fife,	Dunbar Sloane,
Jas. Johnson,	Alexander Bremner,
Duncan Grant,	William Kidston,
Rev. Dr. A. Brown,	Alexr. Clunas.

In the above list may be noticed the names of several who through a long period of membership acquitted themselves with credit, and were dis-

tinguished by the genial interest they manifested in the Society's interests.

The Society donated to the settlers at Preston this winter £10, for, although beyond the limits of the Society's usual charities, the sufferings of the negroes demanded attention from all charitably disposed societies and persons throughout the community.

This year a committee was appointed to take charge of one of the original fourteen who founded the Society in 1768. John McCrae, for many years Steward, and who had been re-elected to that office from time to time, having discovered strong marks of insanity, and his affairs thereby getting into a deranged state, and his family being in want, the committee ably discharged their duties, maintaining him and his household till his death, which took place in January, 1788, when he was interred at the Society's expense, his family receiving assistance for years after. Thus the benefits of the Institution were illustrated in the case of one of its founders, who, at the period of its formation, was in comfortable circumstances, and little dreamed of adverse affairs and an impoverished end. By the annual statement at the November meeting we find the finances in a healthy condition, the amount of funds in the hands of the Treasurer being £190.8s. Peter MacNab gave his bond for £130, at six per cent. interest, until next annual meeting. The Society elected the following office-bearers for 1788:—

William Forsyth, *President.*

Dr. Duncan Clarke, *Vice do.*

Andrew Liddell and Richard Kidston, *Asst. do.*
John Paterson and John Bremner, *Secretaries.*
Alexander Ross, *Treasurer.*
William Annand, John McGill, *Stewards.*
Peter Muir, *Messenger*, at 10s. per quarter.
Rev. Andw. Brown, *Chaplain* (the first appointment of that kind made.)

And the first regular Committee of Charity of the Society was appointed this evening, heretofore the Stewards having performed that duty. Committee of Charity :—

Doctor John Halliburton,
Doctor Duncan Clarke,
Hon. Michael Wallace,
William Forsyth and
Andrew MacGill.

The Festival was duly celebrated on the 30th November, at the Golden Ball Tavern, Gottingen street, at which Governor Parr and Suite, General Ogilvie, Bishop Inglis, the Presidents and Vice Presidents of the St. George's, German and Irish Societies, were the invited guests. These with about a hundred and fifty of the Scotsmen of the city, had a magnificent re-union, of which a flattering notice appeared in New York and Philadelphia papers, representatives of the Scottish Societies of those cities having been present.

1788.

This year the Society was called upon to aid several refugees in returning to Scotland, amongst the number was the Rev. A. Mitchell who played a

very conspicuous part as a Loyalist in Boston during the rebellion. The four quarterly meetings were well attended, and at the annual in November the following were elected to govern the Society for the ensuing year:—

Doct. Duncan Clarke, *President.*
Charles Geddes, *Vice do.*
Adam Fife and John Bremner, *Asst. do.*
Alexander Brymer, Junr., *Secretary.*
James Stewart, *Asst. do.*
Alexander Ross, *Treasurer.*
Peter Muir, *Messenger.*

James Veitch,
William Hogg, } *Stewards for the Festival.*

Richard Kidston,
Robert Killo,
Alexander Ross,
James Dechman,
Adam Fife, } *Committee of Charity.*

The following members were acquired during the year:—

Alex. Brymer, Jr.	James Stewart,
James Fraser,	Alex. Abercromby.
Roderick MacKay,	Alexander Wills,
Charles Handyside,	John Irvin.

And the following were admitted as Honorary Members:—

Brigadier-General Ogilvie, the Commander of the Forces, (and after whom the Fort immediately above the Point Pleasant Battery was named); Major Scott, R. A., Major Thomson, 57th Regiment.

The festival was celebrated by the usual dinner, held this year at the Golden Ball, the Governor and Suite, the Admiral and Flag Lieutenants, the General and Staff, the Bishop, and the leading officials being the invited guests. The festivity commenced at 5 o'clock, P. M., and was kept up with great spirit till 2, A. M., December 1st. As the Society had then enrolled all the leading citizens of the city, they being nearly all Scotsmen, the dinner was always one of the great events of the year. This one proved no exception to the rule.

1789.

This year a large amount was distributed, as there were at the time many needy applicants; otherwise but little of note occurred.

David Hall, John Hall,
John Grant, John MacKenzie,

were admitted ordinary members.

At the annual meeting, Peter MacNab, Esq., renewed his Bond to the Society, adding to the original amount twenty pounds. His new Bond was for the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds. At this meeting, the following were appointed office-bearers for 1790:—

Hon. Alexander Brymer, *President*,
Michael Wallace, *Vice Do.*
John Bremner, } *Asst. Vice-Presidents*,
William Lyon, }
Alexander Ross, *Treasurer*,
John Paterson, *Secretary*.

The Committee of Charity, and Messenger, were unanimously re-elected.

The festival was celebrated at the Golden Ball, by the usual magnificent dinner. Governor Wentworth and Suite, the General and Staff, the Bishop and leading Clergy, and in fact all the notables of the Province, were present. The Presidents and Vice-Presidents of St. George's, St. Patrick's, and the German Societies, were also guests on this occasion. The prints of the date give a very flattering account of the spirit and style which marked this dinner.

1790.

Great interest was manifested in the proceedings of the Society; and it is here worthy of remark, that but few members absented themselves from either the ordinary or special meetings, several of which were called this year. Among the gentlemen who, we may say, never missed a meeting, may be mentioned the names of

Hon. Michael Wallace, William Duffus,
Alexander Brymer, James Dechman,
Andrew Liddell, Alex. Bremner,

and others. A large number were relieved by the Society this year, and a committee was appointed to revise the rules lately adopted, as several additions had since been made, and alterations had become necessary. The committee consisted of the following:—

Doctor Andrew Brown,
Hon. Alexander Brymer,
Hon. Michael Wallace,
William Forsyth,
Alexander Brymer, Jr.

The committee were to report for the approval of the Society sometime during 1791. The funds of the Society were in a flourishing state, although many claims had been satisfied, and much distress alleviated. The following were admitted ordinary members this year:

Alexander Morrison,	John Hunter,
John Ross,	Archibald Ferguson,
William Thompson,	Colin Campbell,
John Morton,	William Smith,
James Forbes,	James Forman,
George Grassie.	James Stewart, (2),

Andrew Cumming.

At the annual meeting,

Alexander Thomson was elected *President,*

John Grant, *Vice President,*

William Lyon, }
Alex. Brymer, Jr., } *Asst. Vice-Presidents.*

The Committee of Charity, and Stewards, were unanimously re-elected, and a vote of thanks passed for their able management during the past year. The celebration of the 30th November took place at the Golden Ball, and was attended, as usual, by all the notables of the Province.

1791.

This year the Society experienced a great loss, in the death of the Treasurer, Mr. Alexander Ross, who for many years took a very active interest in the welfare of the institution. His son, John Ross, was unanimously elected in his stead. Several special meetings were called, to take into consideration many cases which demanded the aid and

care of the Society, all of which were well attended to. The Society prospered during this year, and there appears to have been a lively interest taken in its affairs by the great majority of the members. It may here be worthy of note, that the quarterly meetings were summoned for a quarter before five P. M., and that they generally closed at 10 o'clock. The festival was celebrated, as usual, in grand style, at the Golden Ball. The cost of entertaining the public guests was covered by a grant from the funds of the Society. About one hundred and fifty sat down to dinner, and the day was closed, as usual, in great harmony.

The committee appointed to revise and amend the Constitution and Bye-Laws, met in September, and submitted a code for the future government of the Society. The committee, in bringing them forward, expressed a hope that they would be considered as the final Laws of the Society, and that no further amendments would be considered necessary. They improved several of the old Bye-Laws, and added those that had been passed since the last revision, in 1786. These Rules were passed unanimously at a large meeting, and were principally framed by the Hon. Michael Wallace. With a few amendments, these were the Rules under which the Society was incorporated.

The officers for 1792 were elected at the November meeting, viz:—

John Grant, *President*,
John Bremner, *Vice Do.*,

William Lyon, } *Asst. Vice-Presidents,*
Alex. Brymer, }
John Ross, *Treasurer,*
George Grassie, *Secretary,*
Rev. Andrew Brown, *Chaplain,*
Peter Muir, *Messenger,*
Committee of Charity—re-elected.

1792.

The Society had many applications this year from distressed countrymen wishing to be relieved and enabled to reach their homes in Scotland. Many were from Boston and Philadelphia. The Society was ably seconded in its praiseworthy efforts by the firm of William Forsyth & Co., the partners of which house were active members on the Roll of the Society, as their ships generally took back to Scotland several of the poor at every trip. They have been publicly thanked on several occasions, for their meritorious services in this particular way. Several gentlemen were added to the Society this year, viz. :—

Alexander Izatt, Archibald Wilson,
Wickworth Allan, George Glennie;
Admiral Murray, Commander-in-Chief on the Station,

To the Honorary List were added,

Captain Duncan Campbell, Titus Levi,

The above gentlemen attended several meetings of the Society.

Mr. Andrew Cummings presented the Society with a ballot box, for which he received a vote of thanks.

The November meeting was largely attended, and the following popular gentlemen elected office-bearers for the ensuing year:—

James Stewart, *President*,
Wm. Lyon, *Vice Do.*,
Wm. Smith, James Forman, } *Asst. Vice-Presidents*,
John Ross, *Treasurer*,
James Forbes, *Secretary*,
David Hall, *Asst. Do.*,
Robert Killo, Wm Annand, Wm. Kidston, Peter MacNab, James Dechman, } *Committee of Charity*,
James Stewart, John Hunter, } *Stewards*,
Dr. Andrew Brown, *Chaplain*,
John Taylor, *Messenger*,
The President, Vice Do., Doctor Clarke, John Brown, Michl. Wallace, } *A Committee to superintend the Festival*,

The festival was celebrated, as usual, on the 30th, at the Golden Ball. Prior to the dinner the Society paraded through the principal streets in procession, and then attended Divine Service, at the Presbyterian Church, where Dr. Andrew Brown, Chaplain to the Society, preached a sermon on "St. Andrew." Afterwards the members dined together with the leading men of the Province as guests: the Governor, Admiral, Heads of Departments, &c. The dinner passed off with

great *eclat*, and was favorably noticed in the journals of the day.

1793.

This was certainly a year of progress with the Society. The four quarterly meetings, held at the the British Tavern, were attended by almost every member on the roll, and no less than 17 members were admitted, viz.:—

John Stewart,	William Grigor,
David Brown,	John Black,
James Geddie,	Thomas MacKenzie,
James Thorn,	John Thompson,
William Forsyth, (2nd),	John Stuart,
John Taylor,	Duncan Brown,
Lieut. John Fraser,	Lt. Alex. Sutherland
Capt. K. MacDonald,	Lt. Donald Campbell.

Vigour is perceptible in the records of every meeting; and we have but to mark the amount of business transacted, the number of poor relieved, and the general interest manifested in the different questions placed before the Society, to feel certain that the institution was a real benefit to the Town and to our countrymen. At the November meeting, the following were elected to govern the Society for 1794:—

John Bremner, *President*,
Alex. Brymer, Jr., *Vice Do.*,
David Hall, } *Asst. Vice Presidents*,
William Kidston, }
Wickworth Allan, *Secretary*,
James Ewing, *Asst. Do.*,
John Ross, *Treasurer*,

P. MacNeil, Wm. Annand, Wm. Kidston, Robt. Lyon, William Hogg, } *Committee of Charity,*

Jas. Stewart, Wm. Lyon, Michl. Wallace, Doctor Clarke, } *Committee of Festival,*

Wm. Forsyth, Alex. Morrison, } *Stewards of the Festival,*

John Taylor, *Messenger.*

The festival was celebrated at the British Tavern, on Monday, the 2nd December, the 30th falling on Saturday. It was, as usual, the great dinner of the season. Including members and public guests, over one hundred and fifty were present.

1794.

This year the Society steadily increased in numbers and usefulness. The gentlemen who had the guidance of the institution being popular citizens the meetings of the past year were all eclipsed by the attendance of an unusually large number of Scotchmen, who were this year passing through the Province, going to and returning from Scotland. The presence, also, at Halifax, of His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent, attracted a brilliant Staff to the Town, and there being many of our countrymen in the personal Suite of Prince Edward, this led to the meetings being so fully attended by many of the above as guests. During the year the following were enrolled members:—

Alexander Patillo, William Findley,
James Donaldson, Thomas Donaldson,
Robert Milne, Robert Ferguson,
James Kidston.

The Society presented an address to His Royal Highness, which was well received, and cordially replied to. At the November meeting, the Treasurer presented a very interesting report, shewing that during the past year over £100 had been expended in charity, there having been many applications for relief. This alone exhibits the vigilance of the Society in giving relief, and the amount of good performed by the Society at that time.

The election of office-bearers took place at this meeting, when the following were chosen :—

The Honble. Chief Justice Strange, *President*,
Hon. Michael Wallace, *Vice Do.*,
George Grassie, Wickworth Allen, } *Asst. Do.*,
John Ross, *Treasurer*,
Robert Lyon and James Stewart, *Secretaries*,
Peter MacNab, Wm. Annand, William Kidston, William Hogg, Peter Lyon, } *Committee of Charity.*
Dr. Duncan Clarke, John Bremner, William Forsyth, James Stewart, } *Committee of Festival*,
Rev. Dr. Brown, *Chaplain*,
Alexander Izatt and Wm. Forsyth, *Stewards*,
John Taylor, *Messenger*.

The most brilliant reunion, perhaps, which has ever taken place in Halifax, was witnessed at the Festival of St. Andrew this year. A committee, consisting of the President and Assistant Presidents, waited upon His Royal Highness Prince Edward, tendering him the hospitalities of the Society for that occasion; which committee was most graciously received, and the invitation accepted for December 1st, the 30th inst. happening on Sunday. The celebration took place at the British Tavern, Chief Justice Strange in the Chair, with His Royal Highness on his right, and the Governor on his left. The tables were arranged in the form of a St. Andrew's Cross, and the decorations of the room were such, as to have taken over three weeks to complete. The tables were covered with plate, the private property of members. The whole was arranged under the personal supervision of the Chief Justsce, a gentleman of taste and discernment. Over two hundred were present, and the Vice Chairman, Hon. Mich. Wallace, acquitted himself in a manner which did great honor to himself and the Society. The Prince was remarked for his unaffected ease, and his willingness to participate in the natural feeling of the Society, and also for his conviviality on this occasion. A song from Mr. Geo. Grassie, founded on the lineage of the reigning Family as connected with the Scottish race, gave a happy tone to the entertainment, and was loudly encored by the Prince. This large and honoured festival was kept up with great spirit till 1 P. M., Dec. 2, The Prince remaining until

that hour. The whole arrangement was particularly flattering to the Society, and reflected great credit upon the office bearers for their spirit in conducting the whole affair to such a happy conclusion. The cost of the entertainment was over three hundred pounds, which was defrayed by the subscription of members, many of whom gave from five to twenty pounds. This entertainment was noticed by all the leading Journals of America and Great Britain, and the New York Press, in noticing the same, remarks that it was the greatest public dinner ever given by a charitable institution in America. It certainly was a most illustrious assemblage, His Royal Highness, the Governor of the Province, with a brilliant suite, Admiral Murray, the Commander in Chief on the Station, with a large assemblage of the Officers of the Army and Navy, must have presented a spectacle not heretofore noticed on this side of the Atlantic.

1795.

Under the Presidency of Chief Justice Strange the Society kept well to the front in efficiency and spirit. The four quarterly meetings were held at the British Tavern, and the Chief Justice called several special meetings to look into cases of distress which presented themselves. During the year the following were enrolled members, having been proposed principally by Mr. William Forsyth:

William Eddy,	Peter Robb,
John Lennox,	Kenneth MacKenzie,

Thomas Russell, James Mills,
William Bremner, Alexander MacLean,
William Patterson, Wm. Gauld.

At the meeting of this year Admiral Murray was a most constant attendant, and at the annual election of officers he was unanimously chosen President, but had to decline the honour, knowing that he would be unavoidably absent during the next year. The Society then elected the following :—

Commander Duncan, *President.*
Hon. John Halliburton, *Vice do.*
Dr. D. Clarke and John Bremner, *Asst. do.*
Robert Lyon, *Secretary.*
James Ewing, *Assistant do.*
John Ross, *Treasurer.*
Committee of Charity re-elected
Rev. Dr. Brown, *Chaplain.*
John Taylor, *Messenger.*

The Festival, although not so brilliantly conducted as last year, was celebrated with great enthusiasm at the British Tavern, all the leading men of the Army, Navy and Departments being present, The Governor, Admiral and Bishop amongst the number.

1796.

The four quarterly meetings were held at the British Coffee House. The Committee of Charity was kept actively employed, as a large amount stands upon the Treasrer's account as having been expended. This year several gentlemen joined, viz.:

James Wiseman,	Rev. Dr. Arch. Gray,
James Sharp,	James Smith,
James Munn,	Alex. Fraser,
Matthew Richardson,	Alex. Halkett,
John Walker,	James Romans,
Alex. Barnett,	James Pirnie.

At the November meeting John Bremner and Richard Kidston became Perpetual Members by paying £10 each to the funds. A ommittee was appointed to invest all the funds of the society in Provincial securities. A letter was read from Sir John Wentworth, the Lieut. Governor, asking the society to nominate two members to take charge of the estate of Mr. Samual Scott, a lunatic. Chas. Geddes and Wm. Lyon, were appointed to that duty. The election of office bearers resulted it the choice of the following:

Hon. J. Halliburton, *President*,
Dr. D. Clarke, *Vice do.*
William Smith, and
Capt. Alex. Sutherland, } *Asst. do.*
Robert Lyon, *Secretary*.
Matthew Richardson, *Asst. do.*
Wm. Kidston, *Treasurer*.
Rev. Dr. Archibald Gray, *Chaplain*.

The Committee of Charity were unanimously re-elected, and also the Stewards of the Festival.

The officers elect had charge of the arrangements for the Festival which was held on the 30th at the British Coffee House. The company sat down at 4 and rose at 12 P. M. Among the invited guests were His Excellency Sir John Wentworth, the

Admiral, the Bishop of Nova Scotia and the Secretary of the Province.

1797.

The Society this year held its position, and even an increased interest appears to have been taken in its affairs, by its large roll of members The meetings all took place at the British Coffee House, and the following were admitted members:—

Robert Nicholl,	James Frame,
John Gauld,	James Barron,
John MacAlpine,	Peter MacNab,
Duncan MacQueen,	John MacNab.

And the following elected Honorary members:—

Captain H. Mowatt, H. M. Ship *Assistance*,
Captain W. Taylor, H. M. Ship *Andromeda*,
Lieutenant Scott, Do.,
Lieutenant Chalmers, Do.,
Doctor Jameison. H. M. Ship *Lynx*.

The Society again passed a vote of thanks to Wm. Forsyth & Co., members, for their humanity and benevolence in forwarding to Scotland, free of expense, two orphans in their ship *Cato*. At the November meeting a large amount was devoted to charitable objects, and considerable business, involving the interests of the Society, transacted. The following office-bearers were elected:—

Doctor Duncan Clarke, *President*,
John Bremner, *Vice Do.*,
George Grassie and Robert Lyon, *Asst. Do.*,
William Kidston, *Treasurer*,

James Ewing, *Secretary*,
John Taylor, *Asst. Do.*,
Committee of Charity—re-elected,
Rev. Archibald Gray, Chaplain.

The festival was celebrated with great *eclat*, on the 30th, and was attended, as usual, by a large number of the leading men of the country.

1798.

It is surprising, in scanning the records of our Society, to observe how the interest was maintained in the affairs and routine business of the Association. Ater a term of years of uninterrupted prosperity, the zeal in the duties of such an institution, located in a small community, may be expected to flagg; but it was not so in this case, as the following additions to the roll were made during the year :—

Donald Munro, Alexander Melvin,
Alexander Philips, Thomas Neilson,
Thomas Richardson, Alex. McDougall,
Alexander Fraser;

Simon Fraser was elected an Honorary Member.

This, with a large amount expended by the Charity Committee, serves to show that our forefathers looked upon this institution as worthy of attention and building up.

At the November meeting, which was attended by over 80 members, the following were chosen office-bearers for 1799 :—

John Bremner, *President*,
George Grassie, *Vice Do.*,

Robert Lyon,
Matthew Richardson, } *Asst. Do.*,
James Thorn, *Secretary*,
James Kidston, *Asst. Do.*,
William Kidston, *Treasurer*,
Committee of Charity—continued,
Rev. Archibald Gray, *Chaplain.*
John Taylor, *Messenger*,
Archibald Wilson,
James Barron, } *Stewards*,
James Frame,

The 30th November was honored as usual; a Sermon was preached before the Society by the Chaplain, and the Society dined together at the British Tavern, then the most noted place of entertainment in the city.

1799.

This year was marked by the large attendance on the ordinary and extra meetings of the society on several occasions over one hundred were present, Several shipwrecked mariners were looked after and a great amount of distress alleviated. As this was noted as the most severe winter experienced since the settlement, the charity of the society was every day called upon, and the vital good of the institution was amply exhibited. The meetings were held at the British Coffee House, and at the November meeting the office bearers for 1800 were elected.

George Grassie, *President*,
Wm. Smith, *Vice Do.*,
Matthew Richardson,
James Thorn, } *Assistant Do.*,

Robert Lyon, *Treasurer*,
James Fraser, *Secretary*,
John Ross, *Asst. Do.*,
William Hogg,
William Annand,
James Romans,
Robert Lyon,
A. Morrison, } *Committe of Charity*,
James Barron,
James Wilson,
James MacPherson, } *Stewards*,
Rev. Archibald Gray, *Chaplain*,
John Taylor, *Messenger*.

During the year the following were admitted ordinary members:—

John Hay,	William Robertson,
Duncan MacPherson,	George Donaldson,
Hugh MacDonald,	John Wilson,
John Livingston,	John James Grant,
Donald Fraser,	Thomas Buchanan,
Alexander Mitchell,	Hugh Ritchie.

Captain Skene, H. M. Ship *Dart*, was unanimously elected an Honorary Member.

The festival was celebrated in the usual style, on the 30th, at the British Coffee House, there being over 100 present.

1800.

This year the meetings were held in various places; the Wentworth Coffee House, Prince Edward's Hotel, and the British Coffee House, having been patronized. The Society acquired but two members:

William Strachan, John MacNaughton.

A large sum was expended by the Charity Committee.

It may here be noticed, that on the death of a member the Society was summoned to attend, and six appointed pall-bearers, but in consequence of the increasing number of members, the deaths which happened from time to time were not noted on the records. A supply of mourning scarves, gloves, and hat-bands, were always kept on hand, and provided at the expense of the Society.

At the November meeting, which was attended by over sixty members, the office-bearers were chosen as follows:—

William Smith, *President*,
James Forman, *Vice Do.*,
Captain Sutherland, } *Assistant Do.*,
James Fraser, }
Robert Lyon, *Treasurer*,
John Ross, *Secretary*,
Daniel Fraser, *Assistant Do.*,
Committee of Charity—re-elected,
Rev. Archibald Gray, *Chaplain*,
John Taylor, *Messenger*.

Several shipwrecked seamen, who otherwise would have been uncared for, were forwarded to Scotland at the Society's expense. The festival was held at the British Tavern, on the 30th, and passed off as usual, well managed, and a complete success.

By the Treasurer's Report this year, we find that the Society had now over £500 invested.

1801.

The quarterly meetings were held this year at the British Coffee House, and were well attended, Over £100 was laid out by the Charity Committee and £50 invested, shewing the funds of the Society to have been well attended to. Nothing of interest otherwise was transacted. Four ordinary members were admitted, viz.:—

James Fergus, Alexander Brown,
David Shepherd, Thomas Moir.

The Hon. William Forsyth became a perpetual member, by the payment of the usual £10. The Hon. Alexander Brymer made a donation to the Society of £10, he being a perpetual member since 1783, and received the thanks of the members.

At the November meeting, the following were elected office-bearers for 1802:—

James Forman, *President*,
James Fraser, *Vice Do.*,
Captain Sutherland, William Annand, } *Assistant Do.*,
Robert Lyon, *Treasurer*,
Daniel Fraser, *Secretary*,
John Taylor, *Assistant Do.*,
Wm. Annand, Alex. Morrison, Robert Lyon, James Romans, } *Committee of Charity*,
Rev. Archibald Gray, *Chaplain*,
John Taylor, *Messenger*.

The 30th was duly celebrated by the Society dining together; this year about 150 sat down.

The ordinary subscription to dinners, by vouchers of that date of the Society, appears to have been about £1 5s. sterling.

1802.

Under the care of such popular office-bearers, the Society progressed in its good work. A large amount was expended in charity. Amongst the number relieved, we find the name of Rev. Matthew Dripps, who received £20 from the funds.

John Liddell and James Grant
were admitted ordinary members; and

Vice Admiral Sir A. Mitchell, K. B.,
Rear Admiral Douglass,
Sir Robert Laurie,
Captain Oughton, R. N.,
Alexander Green.
were elected Honorary Members.

The meetings were well attended, and the festival on the 30th was celebrated at the British Tavern, with great *eclat*, at a cost of about £250. At the November meeting, the following were elected to office for 1803:—

James Fraser, *President*,
William Lyon, *Vice Do.*,
James Thom, } *Asst. Do.*,
Robert Lyon, }
Robert Lyon, *Treasurer*,
James Fergus, *Secretary*,
James Grant, *Asst. Do.*,
Committee of Charity—re-elected,
Rev. Archibald Gray, *Chaplain*.

1803.

The meetings of the Society were held, for the first time, at the Jerusalem Coffee House, a well-patronized and well-kept place of resort. But one ordinary member was admitted:

William Bowie.

By a statement from the Treasurer, it appears that the following is the correct amount of funds invested:—

Thomas Donaldson's bond for.....	£360	0	0
Alexander Clunas do.....	70	0	0
Robert Lyon do.....	50	0	0
Hands of Treasurer for interest.....	70	0	0
	£550	0	0

This sum, with the large amount yearly distributed by the charity Committee shows the society's finances to have been in a prosperous condition.

The following were elected office bearers at the November meeting which was largely attended,

William Lyon. *President,*
James Thom, *Vice Do.*
James Furgus, John Liddell, } *Asst. Do.,*
Robert Lyon, *Treasurer,*
James Grant, *Secretary.*
William Bowie, *Asst. Secretary,*
William Hogg, James Romans, William Annand, Robert Lyon, A. Morrison, } *Committee of Charity.*
Rev. Arch. Gray, *Chaplain.*

A large committee was appointed to superintend the festival, and the public guests including the Lieut.-Governor, Admiral, &c., were invited at the expense of the society.

1804.

This year under the direction of one of the most popular Presidents that has ever held the office, Mr. Wm. Lyon, a gentleman highly educated, and in every way fitted for the position, the society flourished. Many families landing in the Colony were relieved, and several were enabled to return to Scotland. Mr. Archibald McColl was admitted an ordinary member, and the Right Hon. the Earl of Selkirk, having heard of the great amount of good performed by the Institution, and having seen the rules of the society, sent the liberal donation of twenty pounds sterling, with the request that his name might be added to the list of perpetual members. The following acknowledgement was sent by the President to the Earl,

"HALIFAX, Nov. 20th, 1804.

MY LORD,—

I have had the honor to receive from your Lordship, by the hands of James Stewert, Esq., the liberal donation you were pleased to make this day to the North British Society, who will be proud to consider your Lordship as an Honorary Member of this Charitable Institution.

Permit me in the name of the society to return your Lordship their warm thanks for the testimony of your beneficence and to express their fervent wishes that you may have a safe and speedy return to your native country.

I have the honor to remain,
My Lord,
Your very respectfull and
Obliged humble servant,

WILLIAM LYON,
President.

THE RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF SELKIRK."

A large amount was this year expended in charity.

At the November meeting, which was held at the Jerusalem Coffee House, a large number attended, and as usual the officers for the ensuing year were appointed, but before this wasdone, it was moved that the sense of the meeting be taken as to whether it would be prudent to celebrate the Festival. After discussing the subject, it was put, and decided by a large majority, to allow the anniversary to pass this year unnoticed. The festival of the previous year, and indeed those of late years, had been expensive undertakings and the great portion of the deficit which always occurred, fell heavily on the officers elect. This led to the question being raised at this meeting, and on the decision depended the acceptance of office, by the parties whom the members intended to elect. This matter being settled, the following office bearers were appointed :

James Thom, *President*,
James Fergus, *Vice Do.*
John Liddell, } *Asst. Do.*
Peter Robb, }
James Grant, *Secretary*,
Wm. Bowie, *Asst. Secy.*
Robert Lyon, *Treasurer*,
William Annand, }
Robert Lyon, }
Peter Robb, } *Committee of Charity.*
A. Morrison, }
A. Mitchell, }
Rev. Arch. Gray, *Chaplain.*

This year, by the above decision, the festival passed by unnoticed, the first omission of the kind, since the formation of the society.

1805.

This year the society met at the British Coffee House, and appears, by the records, to have had sufficient to attend to, in following out its charitable end, every quarter a large number of applicants being relieved. Petition after petition was presented, giving us an idea of the destitution prevailing at the time, twenty-six pounds was voted to four applicants, at the February meeting, and the poor situation of the widow of a dceased member having come to the notice of the Society, a committee was appointed to look after her affairs, to donate £10 at once, and to lend her £50 from the society's funds for five years without interest. This is but

one specimen of the way in which our institution performed its duty.

At the November meeting the following office-bearers were elected :—

Mr. James Ewing, *President,*
Wm. Annand, *Vice do.*
Peter Robb, } *Asst. do.*
Wm. Duffus, }
Robert Lyon, *Treasurer,*
James Fraser, *Secretary.*
Committee of Charity re-elected,
Chaplain, do.

The ordinary members admitted, were :—

David Ferrie,
W. G. Forsyth,
John Livingston

Three honorary members were elected, viz. :—

Robert Ferguson,
Edward Mortimer,
William Bannerman.

The festival was duly celebrated at the British Coffee House on the 30th, and was attended by a large number of the members.

1806.

But little of interest is recorded this year, and the attendance at the four quarterly meetings, was not quite up to the usual record. The British Coffee House was patronised this year, by the Society for its meetings.

James Donaldson, 2nd, was admitted an ordinary member. About seventy pounds was expended by the Committee of Charity, and it is noticed that many of the parties relieved were either Widows or Orphans of deceased members. At the November meeting the Office Bearers elected were the following :—

Charles Geddes, *President*,
Wm. Duffus, *Vice Do.*,
Alx. Morrison, and Wm. Forsyth, *Asst. Do.*
Robt. Lyon, *Treasurer*,
James Forman, *Secretary*,
Geo. Donaldson, *Asst. Do.*,
Robt. Lyon, Alex. Morrison, Wm. Duffus, Geo. Donaldson, Alex. Mitchell, } *Committee of Charity*
Rev. Archd. Gray, *Chaplain*,
Thomas Ross, *Messenger*.

Owing to the objections already cited in 1804, the Society had no public dinner or demonstration on the 30th. These entertainments were at first designed to be of a quiet character, and to be simply social reunions of the Society, but gradually many outside the pale of the association were invited, till at length the guests frequently outnumbered the members. This practise gave great dissatisfaction to many who could not afford the expense of such an entertainment as was sometimes provided when the Governor, Judges, and a large list of Military Officials were among the invited guests. In later years many worthy and talented members declined

serving as office bearers, for no other reason than that their circumstances did not admit of a display equal to that of their brother members. There is no doubt however that the practice had the effect of making the institution popular, and had influence in giving it a prominent position.

1807.

The Records show a little more activity in the working of the Society this year, than in the preceeding one. The meetings were well attended and took place at the British Coffee House, several ordinary members were admitted who were in after years conspicuous for their zeal in the Societies welfare, their names are :—

John Ritchie, John Black, Jr.,
John Simpson, John Telford,
Alex. Smith,

And George Grant an old and respected member became a Perpetual member on paying the sum of Ten Pounds. Several immigrants from Scotland landed late in the autumn and were looked after by the Committee of Charity. At the annual meeting, which was well attended, the following Office Bearers were chosen :—

Wm. Duffus, *President*,
Peter Robb, *Vice Do.*
Wm. Bowie, } *Asst. Do.*
James Grant, }
Robert Lyon, *Treasurer*,
Alex. Smith, *Secretary*,
John Telford, *Asst. Do.*

Alexander Morrison,
Alexander Mitchell,
Robert Lyon,
George Donaldson,
Thomas Donaldson,
} *Committee of Charity.*

Chaplain, relected.

Statement of Funds, at the Annual Meeting:—

Robert Lyon's Bond.....	£200	0	0
Thomas Donaldson's do.....	360	0	0
On hand for Investment.....	40	0	0
	£600	0	0

The Festival was celebrated on the 30th, by the Society Dining together at the British Coffee House.

1808.

This year the Society relieved many strangers and residents, who were in want, the Charity Committee looked well after the distressed, and were enabled by the grants made at each meeting to uphold the name the Society had made for its liberality. Five ordinary members were admitted viz:—

Alexander Fiddes, John Henry,
Thomas Mudie, Wm. Bremner,
Daniel Sutherland,

And Geo. Robinson, Esq., was elected an Honorary Member. At the August meeting the Society made a grant of Fifty Pounds to the Presbyterian Congregation, to enable them to purchase a Parsonage House, this object being considered worthy of the Society's attention.

At the Annual Meeting it was decided by a large majority to celebrate the Festival by Dining together, and that the office-bearers might not be put to much expense it was decided to have no public guests, the following gentlemen were elected office-bearers for 1809:—

John Black, *Presidents*,
John Liddell, *Vice Do.*,
James Ewing, } *Asst. Do.*
James Thom, }
Robert Lyon, *Treasurer*,
John Telford, *Secretary*,
Alexander Fiddes, *Asst. Do.*,
Alexander Morrison, }
Robert Lyon, } *Committee of Charity*,
Alexander Mitchell, }
George Donaldson, }
Thomas Donaldson, }
Rev. Archd. Gray, *Chaplain*.

The Festival was celebrated on the 30th with great satisfaction to the Society.

1809.

The meetings were held at the Jerusalem Tavern, and great apparant interest is shown by the Records to have been taken by the members in the working of the Society. One hundred pounds was expended in Charity, and amongst the items we notice a vote of twelve pounds ten shillings to a poor immigrant for the purchase of a horse. The following ordinary members signed the Roll of the Society:—

John Barron, George Mitchell,
John Buchan, William Strachan, Jr.

The steady increase of members from year to year, numbering amongst them the most influential men of the Province bears evidence to the fact of the preponderance of the Scottish element in the Colony at the time. At the November meeting, the following office-bearers were elected :—

John Liddell, *President*,
James Irving, *Vice Do.*,
James Thom, John Henry, } *Asst. Do.*,
Robert Lyon, *Treasurer*,
John Telford, D. Sutherland, *Secretaries*,
Committee of Charity re-elected,
Chaplain, re-elected.

The arrangements for the Festival were left with the office-bearers, and was duly celebrated on the 30th, at the Jerusulem Tavern, at which His Excellency Sir Geo. Prevost and suite, General Houghton and suite, and the Heads of Departments were the invited guests, at the expense of the Society.

1810.

The Quarterly Meetings were held at the Masonic Hall, they were meagrely attended, but the Committee of Charity looked well after such poor as were entitled to their consideration. Ten ordinary members were admitted, several of whom for a long period served the Society well, viz :—

Richard Kidston, Jr., James Bain,
William Kidston, Jr., Michl. McNaughton,

John Clark, David Muirhead,
Samuel Thomson, John Henderson,
Richard Scott, James Scott,
John Tulles.

At the November meeting the office-bearers for 1811 were elected as follows :—

James Ewing, *President*,
James Thom, *Vice Do.*,
John Henry, William Bowie, } *Asst. Vice-Presidents*,
Robert Lyon, *Treasurer*,
James Telford, William Bremner, } *Secretaries*,
Rev. Arch. Gray, *Chaplain*,
Committee of Charity, re-elected.

No arrangements having been made for the Festival, it was passed by this year unnoticed.

1811.

At the Exchange Coffee House the meetings of this year were held, but no members were acquired, the Committee of Charity were as usual actively employed, as there were several families of immigrants in want. The great good of such a national charitable organization as this Society proved itself at this time, as the ordinary charity of the city was quite inadaquate for the wants of the poor immigrants who were landing on our shores, nearly all in want of assistance. Numbers who had been unfortunate, or who getting old, and in poor circumstances, wished to return to their native country to end their days with their friends, were

forwarded home by the Society, who otherwise would have died miserable in the land of the stranger. At the November meeting which was well attended, the following gentlemen were chosen to govern the Society for 1812:—

James Thom, *President*,
John Henry, *Vice do.*
William Bowie, } *Asst Vice-Presidents*,
Richard Kidston }
Robert Lyon, *Treasurer*,
William Bremner, *Secretary*,
George Mitchell, *Asst. do.*
Alexander Morrison, } *Committee of Charity.*
William Duffus,
Thomas Donaldson,
John Black,
Alexander Mitchell,
Rev. Arch. Gray, *Chaplain.*

The arrangements for celebrating the 30th November was left with the officers elect, and was duly honoured by the Society dining together at the Masonic Hall. The Governor and suite, and other notables being invited, and present on that occasion.

1812.

The meetings were held at the Exchange Coffee House, and were largely attended. The following ordinary members were admitted:—

James Russelll,
George N. Russel,
John Farquharson,
James Gordon.

The Charity Committee expended a large sum as there were many applications for relief. We notice also that the society loaned a poor member £12, to be repaid when possible, without interest. A commendable act.

£40 was funded this year, in addition to the large amount already at interest.

The following were elected office bearers at the November meeting :—

James Thom, *President*,
John Henry, *Vice Do.*,
Wm. Bowie, } *Asst. Vice do.*
Richard Kidston, }
Robt. Lyon, *Treasurer*,
Wm. Bremner, *Secretary*,
Geo. Mitchell, *Asst. Do.*
Committee of Charity re-elected,
Chaplain, do.

The society dined together on the 30th at the Exchange Coffee House. No public guests mentioned.

1813.

The society this year held four interesting meetings at The Exchange, great harmony is apparent, as nearly all questions submitted, were passed unanimously. The following were admitted members:—

William Murray,	Alexander Grant,
Patrick Ross,	Arch. McDonald,
James Hogg,	David Dundas,
Henry Ford,	Daniel Grant,
William Daling,	James Grant,

The sum of £9, 5s. 0d. was voted to Mr. James Ewing, an old and popular member of the society, who had fallen into want.

Nearly £100 was expended by the Committee of Charity. At the August meeting, Mr. John Moffatt was elected an honorary member. And the following gentlemen were, at the annual meeting, chosen office-bearers for 1814 :—

James Forman, *President*,
Richard Kidston, *Vice Do.*
James Bain, } *Asst. Vice do.*
Alex. Fiddes, }
Robert Lyon, *Treasurer*,
George Mitchell, *Secretary*,
John Buchan, *Asst. do.*,
F. Mudie, }
James Smith, }
Alex. Mitchell, } *Committee of Charity.*
Robert Lyon, }
Jas. Donaldson, }
Rev. Arch, Gray, *Chaplain*,

The Festival was duly honored by the society dining together at the Masonic Hall, about one hundred members being present.

1814.

Under such a popular President as Mr. James Forman, the society, as might be expected, kept well up to the mark in usefulness and vigor, a large number were admitted as ordinary members, as the following list will testify:—

Duncan McColl, James Leishman,
John McPherson, Thomas Gentles,

John Munro,

John Scobie,	John Roy,
Adam Ross,	Stewart Wallace,
Duncan McFarlane,	John Fraser,
Andrew Mills,	Alex. May.

Jas. McNab, (Hon.) the present Father of the Society.

Among the gentlemen named above will be noticed several who were noted for their attention during long lives, to the business and carrying out of the objects of our institution.

Samuel Muirhead was elected a Perpetual member. Over £80 was expended in charity. A committee was appointed to look over the bye-laws but reported at the November meeting that no addition or alterations were necessary, but recommended that the society authorize the printing of 300 copies which was approved off and ordered to be carried into effect. The election of office-bearers resulted as follows:—

Richard Kidston, Jr., *President,*
James Bain, *Vice do.,*
Alexander Fiddes, } *Asst. Vice do.*
Henry Ford, }
Robt. Lyon, *Treasurer,*
Geo. Mitchell, } *Secretaries,*
John Buchan, }
Alex. Ross, *Messenger.*

The Society celebrated St. Andrew's by the usual dinner at the Masonic Hall, which was well attended.

This year the President was empowered to procure a Silver Seal for the use of the society.

1815.

The quarterly and special meetings were held at the Masonic Hall. The following ordinary members signed the Roll:—

Geo. Muirhead,	Chas. Dunbrack,
Robert Penny,	James Donaldson,
Andrew Nisbet,	Geo. Innis,
Peter McNab,	William Scott,
David Walker,	James McCormack,
Dunbar D. Stewart,	Robert Brebner,
James Dechman,	Alex. Murdoch,

And the following gentlemen became perpetual members:—

The President, Richard Kidston, Jr.,
James Ewing.
Richard Kidston, Glasgow,
Wm. Kidston, Esq.,

At the February meeting, £32, was voted to applicant for charity. The thanks of the society was passed to R. Kidston, Esq., for the handsome manner in which he conducted the last festival. A vote of thanks was also passed to Mr. Robt. Field, for painting and presenting to the society a tranparency of St. Andrew. At this meeting the society voted £62 19s. 3d. from the funds to defray the cost of curtains for the Masonic Hall, the society in consideration thereof to have the use of the Hall for the meetings for six ensuing years, by agreement with John Albro, Deputy Grand Master of the Masonic Body, for the Province.

The President presented the society with two

handsome Ivory Mallets, with the following inscription :—

"PRESENTED BY RICHARD KIDSTON, JR.,

TO THE

NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY,

30TH NOVEMBER, 1814."

This year the society lost two of its officers. The Treasurer, Robert Lyon, who had held the office for a long number of years, and Mr. Mudie, Asst. Secretary. Jas. Thom was elected Treasurer, and Alex. May, Asst. Secretary, for the remainder of the year. At the May meeting £33 was voted to applicants. On Thursday 31st August a special meeting was called by the President to take into consideration the propriety of voting a sum of money for the relief of the families of the slain, in the late glorious victory of

WATERLOO.

A large meeting answered the summons and

ONE HUNDRED POUNDS

was unanimously voted toward that object which amount was ordered to be paid by the President into the hands of H. H. Cogswell, Esq., Treasurer of the fund. At the August Quarterly meeting over £50 was voted to the Committee of Charity for distribution. The society also voted a new set of Scarves for the officers of the Institution. At the November meeting' the following office-bearers were appointed for 1816:—

Richard Kidston, Jr., re-elected *President.*
William Bowie, *Vice do.*

Duncan McColl, } *Asst. do.*,
Wm. Kidston,

James Thom, *Treasurer.*

James Hogg, } *Secretaries*,
Dunbar D. Stewart,

Alex. Ross, *Messenger*,

James Thom,
David Muirhead,
Alexander Phillips, } *Committee of Charity*,
John Farquharson,
Wm. Forsyth,

Jas. Hogg, } *Com. for collectng back dues.*
John Munro,

£20 was voted to applicants at the November meeting. The society celebrated the festival by the annual dinner at Masonic Hall, which passed of very pleasantly.

1816

Was certainly not behind any of its predecessors in interest The meetings were held at the Masonic Hall, as per agreement. At the February meeting a matter without precedent in the society's history occurred. One of the members (William Anderson,) having dissented from the almost unanimous vote of donating £100 to the Waterloo fund, wrote an insulting letter to the President, calling into question the legality of the vote and reflecting on the President's position in the matter. Mr. Anderson was called upon by the society to apologise, but he refusing to do so, was, by the unanimous vote of the large meeting of members present expelled. At this meeting thirty

pounds was voted to charitable objects. At the May meeting, four gentlemen were proposed whose name deserve particular notice, three of whom passed through the Presidental chair of the society.

John Young, (afterwards Hon.) proposed by Mr. Farquharson,
Alex. Stewart, (Judge,) " John Liddell,
Archibald Sinclair, " Mr. Farquharson,
Alex. Primrose, " Mr. McColl.

At this meeting £23 was voted to the Charity Committee for distribution. At the November meeting a committee consisting of the following gentlemen was appointed to convey to His Excellency the Earl of Dalhousie a copy of the rules of the society :—

Hon. John Black, Richard Kidston, Jr.,
Michl. Wallace, James Fraser,
James Stewart, James Forman,
John Brown, Matthew Richardson,
Wm. Bowie.

The following were elected office-bearers for the ensuing year :—

William Bowie, *President*,
Alexander Fiddes, *Vice do.*
Duncan McColl, George Mitchell, } *Asst. Vice-President*,
James Thom, *Treasurer*,
James Russell, George Mitchell, } *Secretaries*,
Rev. Arch. Gray, *Chaplain*,
Thomas Ross, *Messenger*,

James Thom,
David Muirhead,
Alex. Phillips,
William Forsyth,
John Brown,
} *Committee of Charity,*

A large committee was appointed to arrange for the Festival. Wm. Bowie, proposed Peter Donaldson, and Robt. M. Brown, as ordinary members, to be ballotted for in February ensuing. The ordinary members admitted during the year were:—

John Young, Archibald Sinclair,
Alex. Stewart, Alex. Primrose,
Dr. Wm. Petrie, Duncan McQueen,
Matthew Forrester,

The annual dinner was a most brilliant affair. The Earl of Dalhousie, the Bishop of Nova Scotia, the Presidents of the Sister Societies, Heads of Departments, General and Suite, and other distinguished guests being present. The President elect vacated the chair in favor of the Hon. Michael Wallace on this occasion, who ably discharged the honours of Chairman the of Festival.

1817.

The Society held its Meetings at the Masonic Hall. At the February meeting, the committee of gentlemen appointed to wait upon His Excellency the Earl of Dalhousie, reported that they had done so, and had been graciously received, and Richard Kidston, Jr., read the following communication addressed to him as the President of the preceeding year.

HALIFAX, 9th January, 1817.

SIR,—

I have requested my aide-camp, Major Cooper, to call upon you to know whether I may not be admitted an Honorary, or Perpetual Member of the North British Society, in offering a small donation to their charitable fund. I beg further to request, you would do myself and Lady Dalhousie, the favor to acquaint us with any particular case of distress among our countrymen or woman that may require further aid.

I am Sir with much respect,

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) DALHOUSIE.

RICHARD KIDSTON, JR., ESQ.,
President N. B. Society.

The above flattering note was accompanied by the liberal donation of twenty pounds to the funds. To which Mr. Kidston sent the following reply.

HALIFAX, 9th January, 1817.

MY LORD,—

I have this moment, had the honour to receive your Lordship's letter, and beg to acknowledge your liberal donation to the North British Society of Halifax, who will be proud to consider your Lordship as a perpetual member of this charitable institution.

Permit me in the name of the Society, to return your Lordship their warmest thanks for this testimony of your beneficense, and to express their

fevent wishes, that your Lordship and amiable Countess may long enjoy every happiness that this world can afford. The Society will not fail in complying with the request, of your Lordship and Lady Dalhousie, in the event of any particular case of distress occuring to our countrymen or women, that may require any further aid than is provided for by the Rules of the Institution.

I have the honour to remain,
My Lord,
Your very respectful and
Obliged humble servant,
(Signed) RICHARD KIDSTON, JR.

To HIS EXCELLENCY,
THE RIGHT HON. THE EARL OF DALHOUSIE,
Halifax.

The Earl was unanimously elected a perpetual member. The following gentlemen were admitted ordinary members :—

Robert M. Brown,	Peter Donaldson,
Alexander Malcom,	Thomas Muirhead,
Alexander Sim,	George Hamilton,
Hector McDonald, 1st,	James Johnston,
Hector McDonald, 2nd,	Colin Wilson,
George Craigen,	Alexander Boyd,

And the following as Honorary Members,
Lieut. James Duffus, R. N.,
Andrew Moffat, (Antigua)
William Leslie, New York.

The following perpetual members were added this year,

Lt. General the Right Hon. Earl of Dalhousie,
Matthew Richardson, John Dempster,
Robert Lyon, Esq.,

At the November meeting the Treasurer laid before the Society the annual statement, showing the funds to amount to four hundred pounds, which sum was held by Lieut. James Duffus, secured by mortgage and bond, dated 8th December, 1815. A large surplus, considering the large amounts disbursed for various objects during the past five years, the quarterly reports show that over one hundred pounds was distributed by the charitable committee during the year. The following office bearers were elected for 1818, viz :—

Alexander Fiddes, *President,*
Duncan McColl, *Vice do.*
George Mitchell, John Dempster, } *Asst. Do.,*
George Mitchell, *Treasurer,*
James Russell, Hector McDonald, } *Secretaries,*
Peter Robb, Alex. Phillip, James Smith, Patrick Ross, Geo. Hamilton, } *Committee of Charity.*
Rev. Arch. Gray, D.D., *Chaplain,*

At this meeting, two Hon. Gentlemen were proposed for membership,

Hon. Brenton Halliburton,
Hon. S. G. W. Archibald.

On the 30th November, a most magnificent Festival was held at the Masonic Hall, about

one hundred and fifty members and guests present. Hon. James Fraser, presided on this occasion, as Alexander Fiddes, Esq., the President elect, vacated for the time the chair in his favour.

1818.

The Quarterly meetings were held at the Masonic Hall. The Charity Committee appear to have been well employed, as several Scotchmen were forwarded to Scotland, and a long list of names recieved relief each quarter.

At the May meeting a communication was received from his Excellency the Earl of Dalhousie, enclosing a letter from the Highland Society of Scotland, requesting aid in publishing a dictionary of the Celtic Language, this was at once attended to, and a committee consisting of,

James Forman,
Edward Mortimer,
Duncan McColl,
Arch. McDonald,

were appointed to solicit subscriptions, and over one hundred pounds was raised in Halifax, and transmitted to Edinburgh. At the November meeting, among others proposed for membership, we notice that of a gentleman who has proved a most indefatigable member and a most popular man with the Society, and his Townsmen, James Forman, Jr., proposed by the Hon. James Fraser. The following ordinary members were this year admitted,

Hon. B. Halliburton, Robt. F. Bigby,
Hon. S. G. W. Archibald, Joseph Mundell.

The Rev. Donald A. Fraser was elected an Honorary member, and

John Williamson, Esq., John Brown, Esq.,
Alex. Fraser, Esq., (Miramichi.)

became perpetual members. Over ninty pounds was disbursed this year in charity, and the following gentlemen were elected office-bearers for 1819,

Hon. Brenton Halliburton, *President*,
George Mitchell, *Vice Do.*
John Dempster, } *Asst. Vice-Presidents*,
Geo. N. Russell, }
Geo. Mitchell, *Treasurer*,
James Russell, *Secretary*,
Hector McDonald, *Assistant Do.*,
Peter Robb, } *Committee of Charity*,
Alex. Philips,
Patk. Ross,
George Hamilton,
George Craigen,
Rev. Arch. Gray, D.D., *Chaplain*,
James McNab, } *Collectors of Back Dues*.
Matthew Forrester, }

A large committee was appointed to arrange for the festival, which was duly celebrated at the Masonic Hall, about two hundred were present, the Earl of Dalhousie, the Heads of Departments, and a large number of the Military, with the Presidents and Vice Presidents of the Sister Societies, were the invited guests.

We notice this year that a copy of the rules of which a new edition had been printed by Howe & Co., was sent to each member. The meetings this year were well attended, average attendance about sixty at each quarterly meeting.

1819.

We notice that a special meeting was called to take into consideration the claim of a Mr. John Scobie, of Arichat, on the society's charity he having lost his house and barn by fire, the sum of £15, was granted for his relief. A large amount was distributed by the Committee of Charity, during the year.

The following gentlemen were admitted ordinary members:—

James Forman, Jr., Robert Duncan,
Charles S. Gray, Adam Esson,
John Boyd, James Ross,
Donald McLennan, James Forester,
James Fraser, Jr.,

And the Hon. John Black became a Perpetual Member of the society.

At the November meeting among other orders we notice that a box be prepared to hold the transparency of St. Andrew, presented to the society and noticed in a previous year.

This year Messrs. Cunard and Duffus became securities for Lieut. James Duffus, R.N., who holds part of the society's funds in his bond for £400, dated Dec. 8th, 1815.

The following were elected office-bearers for 1820:—

James Forman, *President*,
John Dempster, *Vice Do.*,
Chas. S. Gray, } *Asst. Do.*,
G. N. Russell, }
Geo. Mitchell, *Treasurer*,
H. McDonald, *Secretary*,
James Forman, Jr., *Asst. Do.*,
Committee of Charity, re-elected,
Rev. Arch. Gray, D.D., *Chaplain*.

The festival was duly celebrated on the 30th by the usual dinner, which was well attended the members turning out in great numbers on the occasion.

1820.

The Quarterly meetings were well attended, and took place at Masonic Hall, about £70 was distributed by the Committee of Charity. A considerable amount of back dues were collected by the committee appointed for that purpose.

The following gentlemen were admitted during the year as ordinary members:—

John McKenzie,	John McLean,
Duncan Black,	William Wallace,
Allan McDonald,	Thomas Laidlaw,
Thomas C. Allan,	David Johnson,
David Henderson,	Alex. A. Ferguson,

Samuel Mitchell.

And the following as honorary members:—

Archibald McNiven,
Rev. Colin P. Grant,

At the November meeting the following office-bearers were appointed for 1821 :—

The father of the Society, } *President,*
Hon. Michael Wallace, }
Geo. N. Russell, *Vice do.,*
S. G. W. Archibald, } *Asst. do.*
Alexander May, }
Geo. Mitchell, *Treasurer,*
James Forman, Jr., *Secretary,*
Duncan Black, *Asst. do.*
Peter Robb, }
Alex. Phillips, }
Patrick Ross, } *Committee of Charity.*
Geo. Hamilton, }
Geo. Craigen, }
Rev. Arch. Gray, D.D., *Chaplain.*

The 30th was celebrated by a grand dinner at the Masonic Hall, and was as usual the event of the season.

1821.

The meetings were held at the Exchange Coffee House, the six year agreement having expired for holding them at the Masonic Hall, and the Exchange being preferred by the members. About £60 was voted for charitable purposes by the society during the year.

And the following ordinary members were acquired :—

John Forman, Hunter St. Andrews,
John Fraser, Jas. Cruikshanks,
W. B. Robertson.

It is to be noticed that among those relieved by the society, were to be found widows of former members, whose names are recorded as regular pensioners. Those cases had been under discussion for several years. It was decided that although strictly speaking the charity of the society was for transient distress, yet those widows claims could not be disregarded, and so they were kept on from year to year. At the November meeting, the society made choice of the following gentlemen for office-bearers:—

Geo. N. Russell, *President*,
S. G. W. Archibald, *Vice do.*
Alexander May, } *Ass.t Do.*,
Jas. Forman, Jr., }
Geo. Mitchell, *Treasurer*,
Duncan Black, *Secretary*,
David Johnson, *Asst. do.*,
Committee of Charity, re-elected,
Chaplain, do.,
Thomas Ross, *Messenger*.

The festival was celebrated on the 30th at Masonic Hall, and is noticed as "a most successful and harmonious re-union."

1822.

Four capital meetings were held this year at the Exchange Coffee House. The thanks of the society was voted to David Henderson, a member who composed the song Caledonia, which was sung at the anniversary meeting of 30th November, by Mr.

Dempster. It was also unanimously agreed that the author be requested to furnish the Secretary with a copy of this admired production, to be filed with the papers of the society. The following well known and deservedly popular gentlemen were proposed at the February meeting, viz. :—

Robt. Noble, proposed by Geo. Mitchell,
Alex. Keith, " " Jas. Cruickshanks.

A vacancy having occurred in the Committee of Charity in consequence of the death of Peter Robb. William Strachan volunteered and was accepted to fill the same for the remainder of the year. About £80 was distributed by the Committee of Charity. At the November meeting the Treasurer presented the following statement of the funds of the society.

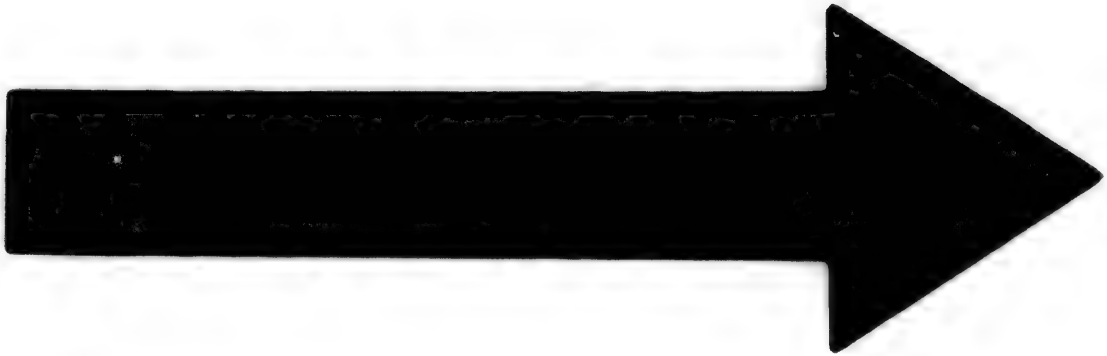
Lieut. James Duffus Mortgage and Bond,	£400
Interest,	24
Cash on hand for Investment	87.8.1.
	£511.8.1.

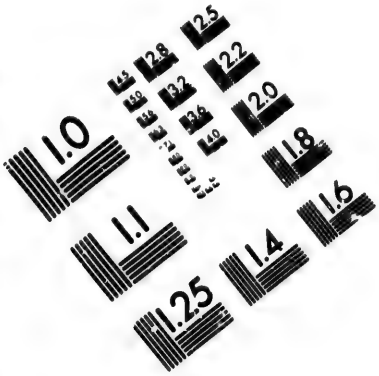
A large amount considering the great call made every quarter on the funds by the Charity Committee.

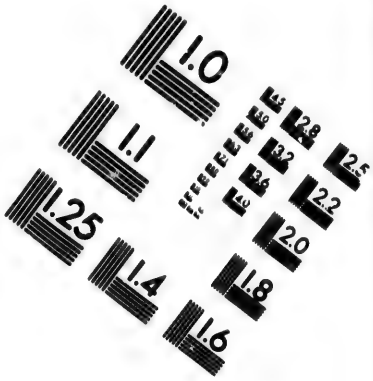
The following ordinary members were admitted during the year :—

Robt. Noble,	Alex. Keith,
Edward Wallace,	Andrew D. Russell,
Hector McLennan,	Andrew Mitchell,

At the November meeting a large number of the members attended, and after the ordinary business







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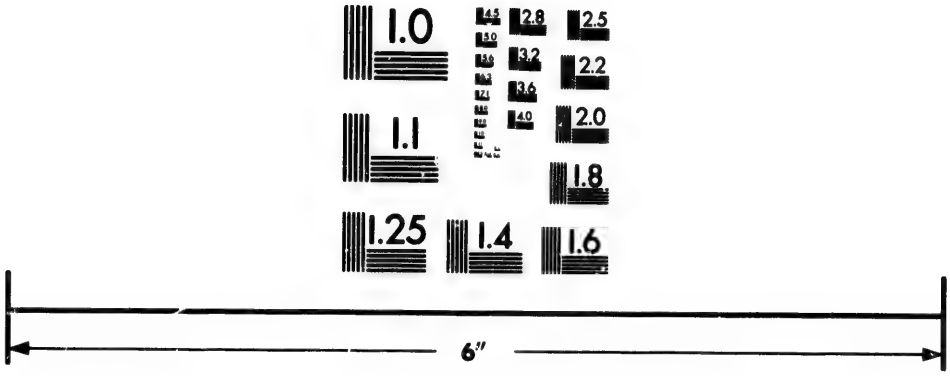

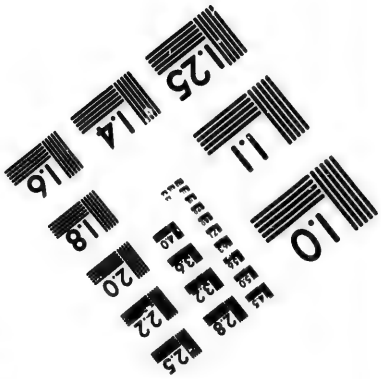

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had been despatched, they proceeded to elect office-bearers for the ensuing year, when the following gentlemen were chosen :—

S. G. W. Archibald, L. L. D., *President,*
Alex. May, *Vice do.,*
James Forman, Jr., *Sen. Asst. do.,*
Duncan Black, *Junr. Asst. do.,*
Geo. Mitchell, *Treasurer,*
Andrew D. Russell, *Secretary,*
Robt. Noble, *Asst. do.,*
Patrick Ross,
William Strachen,
George Craigen,
George Hamilton,
George Innis, } *Committee of Charity.*
Rev. Arch. Gray, D.D., *Chaplain,*
Thomas Ross, *Messenger,*

The office-bearers were appointed a committee to arrange for the anniversary.

The festival was celebrated by the annual dinner at Masonic Hall, at which a large number of invited guests sat down with the members. S. G. W. Archibald in the chair. The band of the 74th Regiment occupied the orchester. No less than thirty-one toasts given from the chair, were drank, beside volunteer ones from parties present. All passed off harmoniously and with credit to all concerned.

1823.

The meetings which were well attended, were held at the Exchange Coffee House, about one hundred pounds was voted to applicants, many of

whom were the widowed pensioners before noticed. The names of two gentlemen proposed at the February meeting this year, deserve notice.

Alex. McLeod, proposed by Alex. May,
John Strachan, do. do. James Smith.

These two were noted in after years for their steady attention to the society's interests, and for the faithful discharge of duties as committee men of the institution. At the November meeting, the Rev. John Martin, was proposed as an Honorary Member by Robert Noble, and elected by acclamation. The Rev. Gentlemen named, was a well known clergyman connected with the Presbyterian body in this Province. Combining great talents, with the enthusiasm of an ardent lover of his country, he possessed that calm self sacrificing disposition, that made him especially popular with his countrymen throughout the Province. He died universally regretted in February 1865.

The members admitted during this year were,

Alex. McLeod,	William Sutherland, Esq.,
James Dechman,	Rev. John Martin,
John Strachan,	John Lyle.

By the annual statement produced by the Treasurer at the November meeting, the funds amount to £531, 4 1. The following gentlemen were elected by a large meeting, to preside over the Society for 1824.

Alex. May, *President,*
James Forman, Jr., *Vice President,*
Duncan Black, *Sen. Asst. do.,*

A. D. Russell, *Junr. Asst. do.*,
Geo. Mitchell, *Treasurer*,
Robt. Noble, *Secretary*,
Robert M. Brown, *Asst. do.*,
Thomas Ross, *Messenger*,
Committee of Charity, re-elected.

A large committee was selected to arrange for the national festival which was duly celebrated, at Masonic Hall on the 30th, about one hundred and forty present.

1824.

Under the able Presidency of Mr. May, the society this year appears to have transacted even more than the general average of business, the meetings were held at the Exchange Coffee House, were well attended, and over ninety pounds voted to the Committee of Charity for distribution. The following gentlemen were admitted during the year as ordinary members :

George Little, Dr. John Sterling,
Charles Alexander, Robert Robertson,
John Fraser, 2nd., Andrew Crawford,
Alexander Ross, James Pettigrew,
Charles Coventree, John McKenzie,
John McNie.,

One honorary member was elected, John Forman Esq., and Winckworth Allan, an old and esteemed member residing in London, became a perpetual member, by paying the fee of ten pounds.

This year the Snuff Mulls were stolen from the chest in which they were deposited, and the silver mountings containing the inscriptions torn away, the Mulls were subsequently recovered, and the Society ordered new mountings with similar inscriptions to be procured for them. Several shipwrecked mariners were forwarded to Scotland, and a great amount of good effected by the active Committee of Charity. At the annual meeting the following office-bearers were chosen to preside over the Society for 1825:

James Forman, Jr., *President,*
Duncan Black, *Vice Do.*
A. D. Russell, *Sen. Asst. Vice-Prsident,*
Robert Noble, *Junr. do. do. do.*
Robert M. Brown, *Secretary,*
Samuel Mitchell, *Asst. do.*
George Mitchell, *Treasurer.*

Patrick Ross,
William Strachan,
George Craigen,
George Hamilton,
George Monroe,
} *Committee of Charity.*

Alex. McLeod,
D. McLennan,
James Dechman,
} *Committee for Collecting Back Dues.*

The Festival was a most grand affair. A large number sat down with the President, Mr. May, and the company must have enjoyed themselve exceedingly, as the Nova Scotian Newspaper in noticing the event, mentions that the company sat down at 7 P. M., and did not seperate until

"the horses of the Sun were spurring with their glittering harnass up the eastern horizon."

1825.

This year the meetings were held at the Masonic Hall, and by the exertions of the office-bearers, much good was effected. At the February meeting, two gentlemen were proposed, who in after years were honored for their steadfast attachment to the Society's interests, by being placed in the chair, viz:

James Thomson, proposed by James Smith, Esq.,

James F. Gray, proposed by Alex. May, Esq.,

About eighty pounds was expended in Charity, and during the year the following honorary members were elected,

Capt. Houston Stewart, H. S. Ship Menai, (afterward Admiral on this station.)
Capt. Archibald Stewart, Rifle Brigade,
Capt. C. Fitzroy McLean, 81st Regt.
Duncan McColl, Esq.,

And the following gentlemen were admitted ordinary members,

Clement H. Fife,	James Thomson,
John Robb,	Jas. F. Gray,
David Spence,	Wm. Kandick.

During the year a considerable amount of business was transacted, and at the August meeting it was passed unanimously that in future when the

sum of five pounds is drawn upon the Treasurer, the order must be signed by all the Committee of Charity.

At the November meeting the society proceeded to elect office-bearers :—

John Williamson, was elected *President*,
Andrew D. Russell, *Vice do.*,

But Mr. Russell declining the office, and the President being unavoidably absent, the election of office-bearers was potponed and a special meeting was called for that purpose on Thursday 10th Nov., the President, James Forman, Jr., in the chair, when the following were chosen :—

John Williamson, *President*,
Robert Noble, *Vice Do.*,
R. M. Brown, *Senr. Do.*,
Jas. F. Gray, *Junr. Do.*,
Andrew Mitchell, *Treasurer*,
Samuel Mitchell, *Secretary*,
Edward Wallace, *Asst Do.*,
William Strachan,
Geo. Craigen,
Geo. Hamilton,
Geo. Innes,
Robt. F. Bigby, } *Committee of Charity.*
Thos. Ross, *Messenger*,
Alex. McLeod,
James Dechman,
D. McLennan, } *Committee for collecting back dues.*

At this meeting the President, James Forman, Jr., proposed the following gentlemen:

George R. Young, William Young,
Thos. Foreman. Charles D. Archibald,

A most enthusiastic celebration was held on the 30th, the dinner was largely attended, over 30 toasts were given from the chair. The company separated highly pleased with the entertainment.

1826.

The society met at Masonic Hall. About £80 was voted to applicants. Amongst other transactions we notice the unanimous thanks of the society, were "voted to Alex. McLeod and the committee, for the collecting of backdues and for their assiduous attention to the duties the have resulted so successfully during the past year." The thanks of the society was also given to Jas. Dechman, Jr., for his exertions in recovering possession of the old books of the society, which had been for years missing, the following gentlemen were admitted ordinary members during the year:—

William Young, (now Chief Justice),
George R. Young, Thomas Forman,
James D. Fraser, Robt. Romans,
C. D. Archibald, William Gossip,
James Purvis.

One honorary member was elected, Francis Athole, Master Mariner. At the November meeting the following gentlemen were chosen to govern the society for 1827:—

John Young, *President,*
Samuel Mitchell, *Vice do.,*
James F. Gray, *Sen. Asst. do.,*
Edward Wallace, *Junr. Asst. Do.,*

Wm. Young, *Secretary*,
G. R. Young, *Asst. do.*
Wm. Strachan,
Alex. Keith,
Allan McDonald, } *Committee of Charity*,
Robt. Bigby,
George Innes,
Andrew Mitchell, *Treasurer*,
Alex. McLeod,
D. McLennen, } *Committee of back dues.*
Jas. Dechman,
Thos. Ross, *Messenger*,

It was unanimously agreed to dine together on the 30th, in honour of St. Andrew. On that occasion a large number assembled at the Masonic Hall, to honour the Saint, the band of the 52nd attended and added to the happiness of the evening. The journals of the day notice it favourably, and chronicle it as a most happy re-union. The memory of King George, the health of the present Monarch, with the memories and healths of over twenty representatives, which their majesties had kindly sent us for the past fifty years, were respectively drank, over thirty toasts were given from the chair and several volunteer toasts from the company made the time go swiftly on to the separation, which took place as usual, harmoniously.

1827.

This year the society had at its head a most able and talented gentleman, who under the nom de plume of Agricola, wrote those remarkable letters on Agriculture which have been the admira-

tion of all who have read them, and which procured for him that position in the Province that his brilliant and varied talents deserved. The Hon. John Young, as President with his two statesmen sons, Wm. and Geo. R. as Secretaries, formed a trio of ability among the office-bearers never since equalled in the history of the society. During the year,

John Richardson, James Lessell,
Wm. Crawford, William Mills,
Peter Manson, John Farquhar,
Alex. Barry,

were admitted ordinary members, over £80 was expended by the Charity Committee.

At the November meeting a much respected gentleman was proposed by John Robb, viz.: Peter Grant, long after known for his zealous attention as a Committee man.

The following office-bearers were chosen for 1828:—

Samuel Mitchell, *President,*
Thos. Williamson, *Vice Do.,*
Wm. Young, *Senr. Asst. Do.,*
James Purvis, *Junr. Asst. Do.,*
Andrew Mitchell, *Treasurer,*
Geo. R. Young, *Secretary,*
J. W. C. Brown, *Asst. Do.,*
Alex. Keith,
Jas. Dechman,
Geo. Innis,
R. F. Bigby,
Robt. M. Brown, } *Committee of Charity,*
Thos. Ross, *Messenger.*

The thanks of the society were given to Wm. Strachan, for his praiseworthy attention to his duties while on the Committee of Charity. The society celebrated the 30th by dining together at the Masonic Hall, it was as usual a splendid entertainment, and reflected credit on the management.

1828.

The society's meetings were well attended and were held at the Exchange Coffee House. During the year several gentlemen were added to the roll of members, who for many years after were distinguished for their enthusiasm in the society's working, viz.: Wm. Grant for several years Marshall, and a most active member of the Committee of Charity.

William Murdoch, afterward chosen President,
Peter Grant, Adam Reid,
Walter Robb, Daniel McKay,
George Thompson,
Rev. JOHN SCOTT, for many years joint Chaplain with Rev. John Martin,

who after a most exemplary life and faithful discharge of his duties as Pastor of St. Matthew's Presbyterian congregation, finished his course in March 1864. About £20 was voted each quarter to applicants for charity, and great interest was displayed in every meeting. At the annual in November the following were chosen office-bearers for 1829:—

Thos. Williamson, *President*,
Wm. Young, *Vice Do.*,

Geo. R. Young, *Senr. Asst. Do.*,
James F. Gray, *Junr. Do. Do.*,
J. W. C. Brown, *Secretary*,
John Strachan, *Asst. Do.*,
Andrew Mitchell, *Treasurer.*

Geo. Inness,
Alex. Keith,
Robt. F. Bigby,
Robt. M. Brown,
James Dechman,
} *Committee of Charity*,

James Grant, *Messenger.*

At this meeting the former Messenger, Thomas Ross attended and handed in the following letter, which the secretary was directed to insert in the minutes as an evidence of the good feeling of the writer toward the society (of which he had been Messenger for thirty years, but being too infirm to continue the duties, was at his own request superseded).

To the members of the North British Society,

GENTLEMEN,—

Thirty years have elapsed since I came amongst you, and it has pleased God to spare me a living monument of his mercy, until I have now arrived at the advanced age of eighty-six years. Gentlemen, suffer me to return my grateful thanks for your unmerited goodness toward me. You have kindly overlooked all the failings of my age and have not sent me away comfortless. I most sincerely wish you all happiness, and may unity concord and good order ever prevail in the North British Society, while there is a Scotch bairn in it.

I have only one favor to ask of you,—to permit me the comfort of attending your public meetings so long as it pleases God to spare me,

I am, Gentlemen, &c.,

THOMAS ROSS.

The President assured Mr. Ross that the society complied most readily with his wishes.

The festival was celebrated by the usual dinner at the Exchange Coffee House, it was a most brilliant affair the mirth and jollity being increased by the fine band of the 96th Regt. and the soul-stirring notes of the Pibroch which enlivened the evening.

1829.

The meetings were held this year at the Exchange Coffee House. Several well known gentlemen were added to the Roll, viz:—

Andrew Mackinlay,
John Watt, for over thirty years Treasurer,
John Fraser, James Thomson,
James Nichol,

and Liut. Col. Duncan McDougall, Inspecting Field Officer of Militia, was admitted an honorary member, whose admission was moved by G. R. Young, Esq., seconded by Alexander Fiddes, Esq. About ninety pounds was distributed in Charity, and at the November meeting, which was a very large one, the election of office-bearers for 1830 resulted as follows:—

George N. Russell, *President*,
Robert M. Brown, *Vice do.*
James F. Gray, *Senr. Asst. do.*
W. Billop Robertson, *Junr. Asst. do.*

Andrew Mitchell, *Treasurer*,
John W. C. Brown, } *Secretaries*,
James Lessell, }
Committee of Charity, re-appointed,
John Watt, } *Committee for*
John Farquhar, } *back dues.*

The Festival was held on the 30th, at the Exchange Coffee House, and the dinner reflected the greatest credit on Mr. Keefler, caterer. The usual number of Toasts from the chair (over thirty) were given, and as the two gentleman at the head of the Society, G. N. Russell, and R. M. Brown, were universal favorites, the society well supported them on the occasion, and finally separated at about 3 o'clock in the morning.

1830.

The Records of this year show that the members turned out well to the four quarterly meetings, that over one hundred pounds, was voted to the Charity Committee for disbursment, and that the greatest unanimity was displayed in the working of the institution by the members. During the year the following gentlemen were admitted:

James Malcom,	Robert Downs,
Rev. Thomas Aitken,	W. G. Anderson,
Angus Fraser,	Wm. Mills,

and Charles D. Archibald, being about to leave the Province, was unanimously elected an honorary member, also Charles Coventree, Master Mariner, and Charles Brodie, a resident of Manchester England. The thanks of the Society were this

year given to John Watt, and John Farquhar, the committee of back dues for their exertions and success in collecting a large amount almost considered lost to the society. At the November meeting the following gentlemen were elected office bearers for 1831. At this meeting the office bearers were proposed by ballot, it being specially mentioned that Tickets were passed to each member to propose such candidates as they approved of. The following gentlemen were declared duly elected,

Robert M. Brown, *President,*
Alexander Keith, *Vice do.*
William Billop Robertson, *Senr. Asst. do.*
George R. Young, *Junr. do. do.*
Archibald Sinclair, *Secretary,*
Angus Fraser, *Asst. do.*
Andrew Mitchell, *Treasurer,*
Robert Noble,
Alexander Keith,
G. N. Russell, } *Committe of Charity.*
James Dechman,
Robert J. Bigby,
James Thomson, } *Committee of back dues*
Thomas Laidlaw,
James Grant, *Messenger,*

The unanimous thanks of the Society were voted to the retiring office bearers. The Festival was duly celebrated at the Exchange Coffee House, and was well attended by the Scotchmen of the city and their guests. This was a grand dinner, and as is recorded of the first meetings of the institution, mirth, jollity and ancient scotch songs prevail-

ed during the evening, and our next merry meeting was given from the chair to a most enthusiastic company, who separated at an early hour with their attachment strengthened to the Society and each other.

1831.

The meetings were held at the Masonic Hall, and were all well attended. The Committee of Charity was actively employed, as over £100 was expended. Among the gentlemen admitted were two, whose exertions are worthy of recollection as committee-men and as gentlemen who have been always alive to the society's interests, viz.:

Robt. D. Clarke, proposed by Adam Reid,
William Murray, " John Fraser.

The following additional names were also added to the Roll, viz.:

Alex. Paul,	Alex. Ross,
Alex. Smith,	Robert Bigby,
John Forest,	Rev. James, Morrison,

Lieut. Col. Marshall, Inspecting Field Officer Militia, Hugh Lyle and Alex. McGill were elected honorary members. It may be here stated that the widow pensioners before referred to, absorb a great portion of the charity of the society of the year, the instances of occasional and transient relief being few. At the November meeting the office bearers elected to serve for the ensuing year 1832, were the following:—

Alex. Keith, *President*,
William Billop Robertson, *Vice Do.*,
Robt. Romans, } *Asst. Vice Do's.*,
Alex. Paul, }
Archibald Sinclair, *Secretary*,
John Watt, *Asst. Do.*,
Andrew Mitchell, *Treasurer*,
Thos. Williamson, }
Adam Esson, } *Committee of Charity.*
John Farquhar, }
Arch. McDonald, }
Jas. Dechman, Sr., }
James Thomson, } *Committee for collecting back dues.*
William Mill, }
James Grant, *Messenger*,

The thanks of the society were voted to Messrs. Jas. Thomson and Thos. Laidlaw, for their exertions in recovering a large amount of back dues during the past year.

The festival was celebrated on the 30th by the usual dinner and was a most joyous gathering. The chair was ably filled by the President elect. Mirth, song and sentiment prevailed until an early hour.

1832.

Extraordinary interest is visible in the Society's working this year. The records show that every meeting was attended by a great number of members, and that no less than twenty four gentlemen were admitted. The worthy President, a most popular gentlemen, by his influence and enthusiasm promoted this large increase. Over

one hundred pounds was expended in charity, and the transactions of every meeting show that the utmost harmony and unanimity prevailed. Among the members proposed for membership, we notice the names of several gentlemen who have since been favourably known in this society,

John Gibson, Robert Malcom,	Proposed by Jas. Thomson,
John Esson,	" " John Farquhar,
Charles W. Wallace,	" " G. N. Russell,

the above with the following were admitted during the year,

Thomas Cummings,	Jas. Anderson,
James Reid,	George Barton,
Alexander Duff,	James Murdoch,
Robert Wilson,	Hugh Campbell,
Alexander McNab,	John McNab,
David S. Sutherland,	John A. Mann,
Hugh Anderson,	James McIntosh,
Alexander Davidson,	W. F. Black,
William McKay,	Alexander Henry,
Neil McVicar,	Joseph Robinson,

and the following were elected honorary members,

James McDonald, (Master Mariner,)
Lieut. Edward Stewart, R. N.
Lieut. James Stewart, 74th Regt.
Dr. Colin Allan, Medical Staff,
Jas. Flockhart, Master Mariner,
William Stevenson,
Alex. Henderson.

The Asiatic Cholera having visited several cities on the continent, and its ravages being anticipated in Halifax during the summer, led to the following motion being made at the May meeting, when

G. R. Young moved "That in the event of the Asiatic Cholera extending its ravages to Halifax, the office-bearers shall forthwith summon an extraordinary meeting, of this society for the purpose of adopting measures as may then be considered expedient ir meeting the exigencies of the time."

At the November meeting which was very largely attended, the following gentlemen were unanimously chosen office-bearers for 1833, viz.:

William Billop Robertson, *President*,
Robert Romans, *Vice do.*,
Archibald Sinclair, *Sen. Asst. Do.*,
Alex. Paul, *Junr. Asst. do.*,
Andrew Mitchell, *Treasurer*,
John Watt, *Secretary*,
David S. Sutherland, *Asst. do.*,
Thomas Williamson,
Adam Esson,
John McLean,
John Farquhar,
James Dechman, } *Committee of Charity.*,
James Malcom,
Argus Fraser,
James Reid, } *Collectors of Back Dues.*
James Grant, *Messenger*,

The annual dinner came off on the 30th Nov., at the Masonic Hall. A large number of the leading men of the Province were present. The band of the Rifle Brigade was in attendance and added to the pleasure of the evening. Along with the very fine selection of toasts given during the

night, we notice one to the memory of four active, energetic and influential members, who had well represented their country in this province, and who had been ever distinguished for their attachment to the society, viz.: Hon. Michael Wallace, Hon. Judge Stewart, Hon. John Black, Hon. Jas. Fraser, who had all lately passed from earth. This festival was like all its predecessors, a complete success.

1833.

The meetings were held at Mason Hall, and much interesting business was transacted. Twenty-two members were added to the Roll, among whom we notice the name of John Mackintosh, a most enthusiastic and warm-hearted Clansman, well known to every Scotchman of his time in the city. The above with the following signed the Roll this year.

Alex. McKenzie,	Winnie Johnston,
W. A. McAgy,	James McDonald,
James Lockerby,	Alex. Stewart,
Alexander Troup,	Danl. McLean,
Alexander Hendry,	William Gerrad,
William Robertson,	John G. McKenzie,
James Grant,	John McKay,
Alexander Stewart,	David Stevens,
William Grieve,	William Scott,
David Calder,	John Brander,

and the following were elected honorary members.

Hugh McDonald, (Antigonishe) a gentleman well known in this city,

Alexander Farquharson, Dartmouth.

About eighty pounds was disbursed by the Committee of Charity, and Lieut. James Duffus, this year surrendered his bond for four hundred pounds to the Society, which was deposited in the bank, on interest, untill an apportunity should occur for reinvesting. At the February meeting, a committee was oppointed to revise several of the Rules who reported at the November meeting which was attended by nearly seventy members, as follows:

"*Report of the Committee appointed to revise the Rules, procure new pamphlets &c., of the North British Society.*"

"The committee appointed by the Society to revise its Code of Rules, and to prepare the same for publication, beg leave to report that they have proceeded with all diligence in the preformance of that duty."

"They have thought it advisable to innovate as little as possible upon the ancient and established Rules, as most of them seem to have been throughly digested, and found to answer the purpose of the Society, and as they are familiar and have been acted upon for many years, it appeared to them preferable to preserve their very form and arrangement, at the same time they find it necessary to offer a few material regulations for the consideration of the Society, and they feel assured the expediency of them will be so obvious that they will meet the general approbation, and these alterations are as follows:—"

"The Rule relating to the admission of Honorary

members as amended will now read as follows, Honorary members shall consist of those persons eligible into the Society, who are Passengers and Sojourners rather than resident in Town, or who being ordinary members, may remove from Town, or of those whom on account of their office and vocation the Society shall think proper to exempt though resident from the duty of ordinary attendance. In either case they shall contribute to the funds of charity, a sum not less than six dollars. The admission and enrollment of members of the first description shall as heretofore, be vested in the officers of the Society, namely in the President, Vice President and assistants. And it is to be understood that if any member of the first or second class shall become permanent residents in town, they shall pay the same annual contribution as ordinary members, or otherwise shall cease to be members of the Society."

"The rule which to your committee appeared the most objectionable in point of legal construction, was part of section fifth, directing the mode in which the surplus funds were to be invested at interest, those suggested however seem to supply the defficiencies in the existing rule and to create those guards which are essential to protect the interest of the society, and are as follows. After the words in section fifth "shall lend out the same on interest." "On the credit of the Province or unexceptional personal security by bond, or by investment in Real Estate within the Town of Halifax, by Bond and Mortgage. This security to be taken

in the name of the President and Vice President, for the time being, and the survivor of them as Trustees for the said Society, and in the said instrument of security, it shall be declared that the same is made in trust for the Society, and the President and Vice President shall be parties to and shall execut the same in the presence of two witnesses, and the said security shall be lodged with the Treasurer for the time being, and the mortgage if any to be duly recorded, provided always that the said President and Vice President, or either of them, their Heirs, Executors, or administrators, shall at all times subsequent (on being required by the Society at a general meeting so to do) execute an assignment or assignments of the said instrument or instruments to their successors in office"

"In carefully examining the book of record of the Society, the committee find only two amendments to the Rules which relate altogether to the duties and powers of the Committee of Charity, which will in the new pamphlet be introduced in their proper place. Those amendments empower the Committee of Charity to grant a sum from the funds, not to exceed five pounds, in such extreme cases as the Committee may think necessary, and where five pounds be drawn by order on the Treasurer, the order must be signed by every member of said Committee of Charity, and to prevent frauds and impositions on said Committee of Charity in future, all orders on the Treasurer shall be signed by at least three of said Committee."

"In preparing the list of names of the members of the Society, they have left out the names of such persons who, although proposed and admitted, have never enrolled themselves as members, and have rejected also the members expelled, who, to the honor of the Society, are but few in number."

"Your committee have also to report that they have agreed with Mr. John Munro, one of our members, to print and furnish complete 300 copies of the Rules of the Society, with the names of its members to the date hereof, for the sum of five pounds, as soon as the amendments have passed the meeting, and the present report be received and adopted."

(Signed) Wm. Young,
Robt. Noble,
Arch. Sinclair,
Robt. M. Brown,
John Williamson.

On motion of Rev. John Martin, it was uuanimously resolved that the report be adoptod, and that the amendments be incorporated in the rules of the Society.

The Society at this meeting, on motion of Robt. Noble, Esq., requested the President to address a letter of condolence to the family of our late lamented Treasurer, Andrew Mitchell, Esq., expressive of the high respect and esteem entertained for him by his brother members, and of their gratitude for his faithful and zealous discharge of the duties of his office, which the Society considers but a duty of respect, and a just tribute to his memory.

The following office-bearers were elected for 1834:—

Robert Romans, *President*,
Archibald Sinclair, *Vice do.*,
Hugh Campbell, *Sen. Asst. Do.*,
Angus Fraser, *Junr. Asst. do.*,
Alex. Fiddes, *Treasurer*,
John Watt, *Seeretary*,
Alex. Hendry, *Asst. do.*,
James Grant, *Messenger*.

Robt. Noble,
John McLean
Adam Esson, } *Committee of Charity.*
John Fraser,
Jas. Dechman

Peter Grant,
R. F. Bigby, } *Back Dues.*
Wm. McKay,

The Festival was celebrated on the 30th at the Exchange Coffee House. Great harmony and kindly feeling prevailed, and among the many healths drank we notice that of Jas. Forman, the father of the Society. The fine band of the 92nd Regt. enlivened the evening, and that with thirty regular toasts from the Chair, and several volunteer ones from the company, made the night short, and all parted pleased with the honor given to the national saint, which on this occasion was equal to that of any former re-union.

1834.

The quarterly meetings were held at Mason Hall, and were well attended. About ninety pounds was

applied to charitable purposes, and the records show a well sustained interest in the affairs of the Institution by the members. This year the Society's Bond, surrendered by Lieut. James Duffus, was taken by Mr. James Lessell, a gentleman long connected with the Society. Among the names of ordinary members admitted, we notice that of George Esson, a gentleman who has proved himself during a long term of membership a most zealous and worthy adherent of the Society, and well known as an indefatigable member of the Committee of Charity. The following were also admitted during the year:—

Rev. Alex. Romans,	Jas. Flockhart, Jr.,
James Leitch,	Andrew Oswold,
James Humphrey,	James Irons,
Daniel McIvor,	Gilbert Elliot,
George Nicoll,	John McLeod,
Alexander Carson,	John Rhind,

James Crawford.

At the annual meeting a committee consisting of the following gentlemen were appointed to wait upon the Lieutenant-Governor, His Excellency Sir Colin Campbell, with a copy of the Rules of the Society, viz.:—

Hon. B. Halliburton, James Forman,
S. G. W. Archibald, Chas. W. Wallace,

John Young, The President, V. P., and Trea.,

the following office-bearers were chosen for the ensuing year, 1835, viz.:

Archibald Sinclair, *President*,
William Murdoch, *Vice do.*,

John Watt, *Sen. Asst. do.*,
William Miller, *Junr. Asst. do.*,
John Esson, *Secretary*,
John Gibson, *Asst. do.*,
Alexander Fiddes, *Treasurer*,
Adam Esson,
James Dechman,
Robert Noble,
Wm. Billop Robertson,
James Thomson,
} *Committee of Charity*,
James Grant, *Collector of back dues.*
James Grant, *Messenger.*

The Festival was quite a grand affair, it was held at the Masonic Hall, and the President waived his claim of presiding to the Hon. Chief Justice Halliburton, who was ably assisted by the Attorney General as Vice Chairman. Among the distinguished guests were His Excellency the Lieut. Governor, Sir Colin Campbell and Staff, Hon. T. N. Jeffrey, &c. In the course of the evening Sir Colin addressed the Society with much feeling, expressing his great satisfaction in meeting such a body of countrymen, and of the pleasure experienced by him in uniting with such a Society in doing honor to the National Saint. Speeches followed from John Young, and other talented members. The company broke up about 2 A. M., after a most enthusiastic celebration, at which wit and the expression of high patriotic thought, united with thorough Scottish convivality in making time fly swiftly to the hour, when the closing toast of our next merry meeting was given.

1835.

The meetings were held this year at the Masonic Hall. Over £120 was appropriated to the charity of the Society.

The committee appointed to wait upon the Lieut. Governor with a copy of the Rules of the Institution, reported that they had done so, and that Sir Colin Campbell was much flattered by the call and signified his appreciation of the honor confered in electing him an Honorary Member of the Society. The following gentlemen were admitted ordinary members:—

James Fraser,	Thomas Elliot,
Robert McHannay,	Alex. Stewart,
James Irons,	John Oal,
William Bauld,	John Forbes.

Not much of note was transacted at the meetings, but the Committee of Charity were actively employed, as the cholera visited Halifax during the summer. At the annual meeting in November the following gentlemen were chosen to preside over the Society for 1836, viz.:

Robert Noble, *President*,
George R. Young, *Vice do.*,
Andrew MacKinlay, *Senr. Asst. Do.*,
Adam Reid, *Junr. Asst. do.*,
Alexander Fiddes, *Treasurer*,
John Esson, *Secretary*,
John Gibson, *Asst. Do.*,
James Grant, *Messenger*,

Robert Romans, James Thomson, Adam Esson, W. Billop Robertson, John Fraser,	*Committee of Charity.*
George Esson, John Rhind, Daniel McLean,	*Committee for collecting back dues.*

A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the office-bearers of the past year.

The Society celebrated the anniversary of the Saint at Mason Hall. A numerous company sat down and did justice to a splendid dinner. The Chairman, the President elect, Robt. Noble, Esq., well discharged his duties and was ably assisted by G. R. Young as Vice Chairman. The splendid band of the 34th Regt. enlivened the evening between the toasts with their magnificent music, and also sung several Scotch Glees, the night was spent in harmony and mirth, and the jolity was still vigorous when the reporter of the above extract for the next day's paper left the scene, some time beyond that hour which is of "*Nights dark arch the key stane.*"

1836.

The meetings were held at the Mason Hall, and were all well attended. Much business was transacted, and with such a popular gentleman as Mr. Noble at the head of the society the business, as might be expected, was carried on with great unanimity. About £100 was disbursed by the Committee of Charity, and the following were admitted Ordinary Members, viz.:

John McPherson, Alex. G. Fraser,
Adam Black, Geo. Henderson,
Robert Mitchell, Lawrence McLean,
Neil McQuarrie, William McKinlay,
Wm. Stephenson, Winckworth Allan,
Allan Campbell, Donald McKay,
John Gorden.

The Society having sent a copy of the Rules to Dr. McDonald, R. A., and Capt. Pringle, R. A., two fellow countrymen, each asked to be added to the list of Honorary Members, and were at the November meeting with Matthew McKenna and Alexander Duff, unanimously elected.

At the Annual Meeting, which was attended by over seventy members, the thanks of the Society were unanimously voted to the Committee for collecting back dues, for their exertions in collecting a very large amount during the year, also to the retiring Treasurer, Alex. Fiddes, Esq., for his faithful services as Treasurer to the Society, and to the Secretary, John Esson, for his regular attendance during the last two years to the business of the Society. The following gentlemen were elected office-bearers for the ensuing year:—

George R. Young, *President*,
John Munro, *Vice Do.*,
John Esson, *Sen. Asst. do.*,
James Murdoch, *Jun. do. do.*,
John Watt, *Treasurer*,
Angus Fraser, *Secretary*,
George Henderson, *Asst. do.*,
James Grant, *Messenger*,

James Thomson, Robert Romans, William Grant, Adam Esson, John Fraser,	*Committee of Charity.*
John Brander, Wm. Murray, John McKay,	*Committee for collecting back dues.*

The anniversary was duly honored by a magnificent dinner at the Exchange Coffee House on the 30th.

George R. Young, as President, ably presided, and was well assisted by John Munro, Vice President. The night was marked by great hilarity and harmony, and as if to do honor to the occasion the wife of the Host was delivered of a fine boy just as the band was playing the "Campbells are coming," after the health of Sir Colin Campbell, our Lieutenant-Governor. During the Festival twenty-two toasts were drank. Amongst others that of the living Fathers of the Society, James Forman and Alexander Fiddes, Esqrs.

1837.

The meetings were held this year at the Exchange Coffee House, the Society well supported their very popular President, a fair number was added to the roll, and over £100 was distributed in charity. The following were admitted ordinary members,

John McGregor,	Thomas Humphry,
Rev. James McIntosh,	Alexander Fraser,
Jacob Currie,	W. Donaldson,

Joseph G. Ross, Edward Craigen,
W. Donald, David Walker,
John U. Ross,

and the gentlemen named below were elected honorary members,

Hon. Col. Dundas, M. M. 83rd Regt., proposed by John Esson,

E. Binchin, and Robert McIntosh, of Shelburne,

A considerable amount was collected by the "back dues committee." Among the members admitted we would particularise, John McGregor, Esq., who was afterwards elected President, and who took a warm interest in the working of the Society, and Rev. James McIntosh, a talented young clergman in connection with the church of Scotland in this city. At the annual meeting the gentlemen selected by the Society to preside over its interests for the ensuing year were,

John Munro, *President,*
James F. Gray, *Vice Do.*
Edward Wallace, *Senr Do.*
Alexander Primrose, *Junr. Do.*
John Watt, *Treasurer,*
James Lessell, *Secretary,*
George Esson, *Asst. Do.*

James Thomson,
Robert Romans,
William Grant,
John Fraser
Adam Esson,
} *Committee of Charity,*

William Murray,
John Brander,
John McKay,
} *Committee of Back Dues,*

A vote of thanks was moved and passed unanimously to the office-bearers for the past year for their faithful discharge of duty.

The Festival was celebrated at the Exchange Coffee House by the Society dining together, a large number of members with several invited guests, sat down to an elegant dinner, and the occasion was marked by that friendly interchange of feeling and sentiment, joined to a cordial convivialty, which have made those re-unions of St. Andrew popular and to be looked forward to as Festivals in every way worthy of the Society, and of ushering in the winter enjoyments.

1838

This year the meetings were held at Mason Hall, and were well attended. The Committee of Charity had many applicants for relief, and disbursed about £100. Two gentlemen were elected perpetual members, viz.:

Thomas Williamson, Esq, Hugh Lyle, Senr.

and fourteen names were added to the roll of ordinary members, viz.:

Donald Murray,	Robert Macdonald,
John Grant,	Samuel Gray,
Alexander Bain,	Andrew Richardson,
Anthony Ingles,	Alexander Rhind,
George McKenzie,	Dr. A. Sawers,
John Watson,	John C. Halliburton,
William Campbell,	James McKenzie,

In the above list will be noticed the names of several most worthy members, for few Societies have had the good fortune to possess such zealous and

attached adherents, and no similar institution in the country we believe could present such an array of real earnest, talented and popular members as our roll exhibited at this period. Two names in the list of new members of this year deserve notice, viz.:

Donald Murray, George McKenzie,

gentlemen who have proved themselves well worthy the esteem of their fellow citizens and of their brother members, active, and faithful, they will be long remembered as being always foremost when any work of charity was in hand, and of being the most popular of our Presidents. Mr. George McKenzie, after a most useful life, died regretted on 24th November 1867.

Mr. Murray, a most estimable member has ever been distingushed for his regularity of attendance at the meetings of the Society, and the interest he has displayed in keeping the institution alive to its duties during several years of reaction and flagging attention on the part of the majority of the members, which has won for him the esteem of his brother Scotsmen, and will make his memory (when he leaves this scene) green with the North British Society for a long time to come.

The Coronation of our Soverign Queen Victoria, took place on the 28th June of this year, and was celebrated with great honour by the citizens.

The Society led the procession on that occasion, and presented an address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor for transmission to England, expressive of their loyalty and attachment to Her

Majesty and the Throne. The address was drawn up by Wm. Young, C. W. Wallace, R. Noble, and the office-bearers of the Society. A Banner was used for the first time by the Society at this celebration which was prepared under the superintendance of the office-bearers, and the expence was defrayed by subscription of the members.

The 93rd Highlanders being stationed in this city, a copy of the Rules were sent to the officers which resulted in several of them applying for admission as Honorary Members. At the August meeting the following letter was read by the Secretary:—

HALIFAY, June 29th, 1838.

SIR, -

LT. COL. MCGREGOR,
MAJOR ARTHUR,
LIEUT. NIELSON,
" DUNBAR,
" BUCHANAN,
" AGNEW,
" GORDON,
DR. CAMPBELL.

I have the honor to acquaint you that the officers of the 93rd Highlanders named in the margin, being natives of Scotland, are desirous of becoming Honorary Members of the North British Society of Halifax.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient humble servant,

JOHN ARTHUR,
Major Commanding 93rd Highlanders.

To the Secretary of the North British Society.

The above were duly admitted by acclamation.

At the November meeting Dr. Robertson, Staff Surgeon was also elected. The following office-bearers were chosen for 1838:—

James F. Gray, *President*,
Alex. Primrose, *Vice do.*,
C. W. Wallace, *Sen. Asst. do.*,
John McLean, *Jun. do. do.*,
John Watt, *Treasurer*,
John McGregor, *Secretary*,
Samuel Gray, *Asst. do.*

James Thomson,
John Fraser,
Robert Romans,
Adam Esson,
William Grant,
} *Committee of Charity.*

William Murray,
John Brander,
John W. Ross,
} *Committee of back dues.*

The Festival of St. Andrew was most enthusiastically celebrated. The dinner took place at Mason Hall and was well attended, the officers of the 93rd Highlanders being all present. The Band and Pipers of the Regiment added to the pleasure of the evening. The large company broke up at 2 A. M., delighted with the evening's enjoyment. Several speeches were made during the dinner, and the President, James F. Gray, was ably assisted by Alexander Primrose, Vice President, who discharged the duties of the Vice Chair on the occasion with great credit to himself and the Society.

1839.

The meetings were held this year at the Mason Hall, the February and November meetings being attended by over seventy members. The usual

amount was distributed during the year in charity. The following gentlemen were admitted ordinary members, viz.:

George P. Mitchell, John Munro, 2nd,
John McLeod, Hugh Munro,
Thomas Rhind,

and the following were elected honorary members:

James Forman, Jr.,
Hugh Lyle, Jr., Master Mariner,

and Robert M. Brown, Esq., became a perpetual member by paying the usual fee of ten pounds.

The members were each called upon this year for a private subscription of two shillings each to liquidate balance due on Banner procured last year for the Society.

Mr. John Watt, Treasurer received the thanks of the Society for his handsome presentation of a Treasurer's Insignia of office, consisting of a blue silk scarf with two silver cross keys, worn by himself in the Coronation Procession on 28th June, 1838. It was moved by William Young, and passed unanimously "That two additional officers be in future appointed by the Society to regulate and superintend the necessary arrangments for the Quarterly meetings to be called Stewards." John Richardson, and Alexander McKenzie, were accordingly appointed for the purpose expressed in the above resolution.

At the November meeting considerable discussion is recorded on the subject of back dues, several members being in two and three years arrears. Resolutions and amendments were submitted on

the propriety of writing to such delinquents, expulsion if over two years in arrears &c., but it was finally decided to leave the matter as at present to the committee for collection. At this meeting the following office-bearers were chosen for 1840.

Alexander Primrose, *President*,
Charles W. Wallace, *Vice do.*
John McLean, *Senr. do. do.*
John Fraser, *Junr. do. do.*
Samuel Gray, *Secretary*,
George P. Mitchell, *Asst. do.*
John Watt, *Treasurer*,
William S. More,
John Fraser,
John Rhind,
Robert D. Clarke,
Adam Esson,
} *Committe of Charity.*
William Murray,
Alexander McKenzie,
Joseph G. Ross,
} *Committee of back dues.*
John Robb, *Messenger*,

The annual dinner of the 30th November took place at the Mason Hall, and was a splendid re-union of the Society. The President, Alexander Primrose, well discharged the duties of chairman with an able assistent in John McLean as Vice. The Band of the 23rd Welsh Fusileers was stationed in the orchester and enlivened the evening with a fine programme of Scottish Music. Songs, speeches, and sentiments from many talented gentlemen present made the hours pass swiftly away until "our next merry meeting" given at one of the

early hours, closed this most popular annual celebration of the Scottish Saint.

1840.

This year was certainly an active one in the Society's history. A large number of members were acquired and nearly £150 distributed in charity to worthy applicants. Several special meetings of the Society were called during the year, and a full attendance is apparent, from the record of those who responded to the summons.

Nothing can show better for the vitality of an institution than the meetings being well attended, and this year the members appear to have been alive to the position and interests of the Society. At the special meeting of 16th April the Society decided to present an address to Her Majesty congratulatory upon her Majesty's marriage with His Royal Highness Prince Albert. The committee appointed at that meeting consisted of

The President,
Vice President,
Rev. John Martin,
Rev. Mr. Mackintosh,
Wm. Young, Esq.

The above gentlemen prepared the same, and on Tuesday the 21st April the Society, in conjunction with the office-bearers and members of the Highland Society, proceeded to Government House, when the Address was presented by the President, Alex. Primrose, Esq., who at the same time in the name of the North British and Highland Societies

invited His Excellency to a Ball to be given on the 5th May in honor of Her Majesty's nuptials. On that date a most magnificent Ball under the Banners of the two Societies was given at Mason Hall, at which His Excellency and Suite and about 300 guests were present, the result of which was highly gratifying to all concerned.

Among the gentlemen who were elected members this year we notice the name of Alex. Stephen, who has since been distinguished for his energetic and successful efforts for the advancement of the Society, and who presided over its 100th Annual Meeting. The following were admitted ordinary members during the year:—

William Fraser,	Donald McKenzie,
George Gray,	Donald Sutherland,
Thos. Hutchinson,	John McDougall,
James Swan,	Duncan Patterson,
Wm. F. Reid,	David Rugg,
David McAinsh,	Peter Imlay,
John McIlreith,	Samuel B. Smith,
John Jamieson,	Joseph A. Sievewright,

and the following Honorary Members were admitted:—

Duncan MacFarlane, Wm. Annand,
Hugh H. Ross.

Three hundred copies of the Rules, with names of additional members who had joined since the last were printed, were ordered by the Society at the May meeting. At the November meeting a communication was received from Sir Rupert D. George acknowledging a despatch from Lord John Russell, by which he states that "Her Majesty had

expressed her great pleasure on receiving the congratulation of the Society, and that an answer expressive of the same be transmitted to the North British and Highland Societies."

At this meeting a very large number of members attended to elect officers for the ensuing year. A great discussion attended this part of the business of the meeting, as the President and Vice President were proposed and elected by acclamation, there being no other candidates proposed. This was objected to by many of the members as irregular, and the attention of the President was called to the Rule of the Society on Elections. It was then moved and seconded that the election of the President and Vice President be re-considered, which was lost, but the election of the remaining officers took place as usual, their names being proposed by ballot and not by open motion. The result was that the following gentlemen were elected office bearers for 1841 :—

Charles W. Wallace, *President*,
John McLean, *Vice do.*,
John Fraser, *Senr. Asst. do.*,
Robert D. Clarke, *Junr. Asst. Do.*,
John Watt, *Treasurer*,
Geo. P. Mitchell, *Secretary*,
Alex. McNab, *Asst. Do.*,

William S. More,
John Fraser,
John Rhind,
Adam Esson,
Alex. Stewart,
} *Committee of Charity*,

William Murray, } *Committee for*
Alex. McKenzie, } *collecting*
Joseph G. Ross, } *back dues.*
John Robb, *Messenger*,

The annual dinner was held on the 30th November at the Masonic Hall, the chair was occupied by

Chas. W. Wallace, *Chairman*,
John McLean, *Vice Do.*,

The dinner was a most enthusiastic one, the Hall being crowded with members and their guests, and the table reflected great credit on the Host Coblentz. Among the number of healths proposed, that of Sir Colin Campbell met with marked approbation. The toast was honored by the company hearty cheers, expressive of their high estimation of that gallant gentleman. The occasion was a most successful effort and reflected great credit on the office bearers.

1841.

The meetings were held this year at the Mason Hall, over £100 was expended by the Committee of Charity, and the following gentlemen were admitted ordinary members:—

Maurice McIlreith,	Francis Downs,
Alex. S. Reid,	Wm. Forrest,
Jas. Cameron,	Dr. Jas. C. Hume,
Robert Kerr,	Jas. Cameron, Jr.,
Wm. Craig,	John McDonald,
Andrew Wilson,	Hon. Alex. Stewart,
Jas. Barron,	John Wilson,

Henry Gibson.

The following Honorary members were elected :
Jas. Berwick, Alex. Fiddes,
J. Fraser,

At the May meeting Alex. Primrose became a Perpetual Member by paying £10 into the hands of the Treasurer for which he received the thanks of the society. A large amount of back dues having accumulated, it was determined to pay some member of the society five per cent., for collecting, and Wm. Craig was deputed to act as collector for the society and to pay over to the Treasurer monthly the amount collected. This year on motion of John Watt, it was determined to open a subscription list with the members for the purchase of Banners and Badges for the office bearers. At the November meeting the Secretary stated that an old and esteemed member Alex. Fiddes wished, on account of his advanced age and inability to attend the meetings, to withdraw, but the members unanimously decided to place his name on the honorary list. At the annual meeting the following gentlemen were elected office bearers for 1841, their names being proposed by ballot :—

John McLean, *President*,
Robert D. Clarke, *Vice Do.*,
John McGregor, *Senr. Asst. Vice Do.*
Wm. S. More, *Junr. Asst. Vice Do.*,
Alexander McNab, *Secretary*,
Donald Murray, *Asst. Do.*,
John Watt, *Treasurer*,

John Brander,
William Grant,
John Esson,
Thomas Laidlaw,
Alexander Stewart, } *Committee of Charity.*
William Craig, *Collector,*
John Robb, *Messenger,*

A vote of thanks was passed unanimously to the office-bearers for their attention to their duties during the past year.

The Festival was duly celebrated on the 30th November, by a grand dinner at the Mason Hall.

John McLean, Esq., *Chairman,*
Robert D. Clarke, *Vice Do.,*

A large number of members and guests sat down, and the toasts which were many, enthusiastic, and patriotic, were enlivened in the pauses by the splendid Band of the 64th Regt. Many talented speeches were made, and this splendid celebration was kept up with spirit untill the sma' hours of the 1st December. The conduct of the arrangements throughout reflected much credit on the President and office-bearers for their successful management.

A special meeting of the Society was held at Mason Hall on the 14th December to take into consideration the presentation of an address to her Majesty in honour of the birth of the Duke of Cornwall, when it was unanimously decided to present an address, and to forward the same through His Excellency the Lieut. Governor. The officers of the Society with the Hon. Alexander

Stewart, Hon. James McNab, William Young, James Thomson, and Robert Noble, were appointed a committee to prepare the same.

It was also resolved to unite with the Sister Societies, and citizens in celebrating the Festival of the 23rd December, in honor of the birth of the Duke of Cornwall, and the Secretary was ordered to forward copies of the above resolution to the Mayor and the several sister societies.

Arrangements for the celebration were made by the civic authorities, but in the programme of the Procession of Societies for presenting the address, the right of precedence belonging to the North British Society by age having been ignored, led to another special meeting being called on the 22d December, when the following resolutions were offered and passed unanimously.

Moved by G. R. Young, and "*Resolved*, That this Society was founded in the year A. D., 1768, and has ever since been in existence, following up the charitable and useful views of its founders."

"*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Society, that in all public processions, the charitable and other societies established ought to take precedence according to seniority, and that such principle is invariably acted upon in general celebrations in the Mother Country."

"*Resolved*, That having understood that in the celebration of the 23rd inst., this order of arrangement cannot be followed out, this society cannot join in the same without painful collision with other societies or yielding a privilege conferred upon them

by age and custom established in the Mother Country."

These resolutions were endorsed by a very large meeting, and the committee appointed to draw up the address were directed to wait upon His Excellency with the same at their earliest convenience, and the Secretary was directed to enclose a copy of the above resolution to His Worship the Mayor.

1842.

The Society met this year at the Mason Hall, and the records show a large attendance, and even more than ordinary amount of business transacted. Over £120 was disbursed in charity, and the following names added to the roll of ordinary members,

William Finlay,

George G. Gray,	William Grant, Jr.,
Nicholas Vass,	William Hutcheson,
Hugh Morton,	Rev. William Duff,

and the following were elected honorary members,

Lieut. General Sir Colin Campbell,
Vice Admiral Sir Charles Adam,

William Strachan through extreme old age being unable to attend the meetings, was unanimously placed on the list of honorary members.

A committee consisting of the President and office-bearers of the North British Societies, with James Thomson, having been appointed to procure Banners for the North British and Highland Societies held several meetings during the year. It

was unanimously decided that after having examined several descriptions of Banners, that the following be procured. First, a large Banner with the Royal Arms of Scotland, according to Ancient Heraldry emblazoned on both sides in the words,
"North British Society, established at Halifax, 1768" to be the Banner of the North British Society, and that the Banner of the Highland Society have on the first side the arms designated in the charter, and on the reverse, the figure of Ancient Caledonia on red, also the two Standards of Scotland. The first to bear the Red Rampant Lion of Scotland upon a Golden Shield, the second, the Silver Cross of St. Andrew, upon blue silk, and a silk Union Jack for both Societies.

The material was imported and the size of the Banners, making, and general superintendance was intrusted to Jas. Thomson, who with the painter, Geo. Smithers, produced those elegant Banners, which are now (1868) a little the worse of wear, but which still serve to show what beauty they once possessed.

The President John McLean, generously presented to the Society a splendid transparency of our patron Saint, St. Andrew, for which he received the unanimous thanks of the members.

At the November meeting the following gentlemen were elected office-bearers for the ensuing year 1843:—

Robert D. Clarke, *President*,
John McGregor, *Vice Do.*,

Hugh Lyle, John McDougall, } *Asst. Vice Do's.*,
John Watt, *Treasurer*,
Donald Murray, *Secretary*,
John Gibson, *Asst. Do.*,
John Brander, Angus Fraser, John Esson, William Grant, Thomas Laidlaw, } *Committee of Charity*,
Jas. Fraser, *Messenger*,

The society duly celebrated the festival of St. Andrew by dining together at the Masonic Hall. About seventy members and guests were present and under the able management of R. D. Clarke, Chairman, and John McGregor, who occupied the Vice Chair, the company enjoyed themselves as Scots can do on such national occasion. Songs, toasts and talented responses, with good music soon brought around the time of parting, which took place at midnight, all present being delighted with the festival.

1843.

The society held their meetings this year at the Masonic Hall, and really done good service in the noble work of Charity, the Committee having had a most unusual number of applicants for relief. About £150 was disbursed in sending poor Scotsmen back to their native land, and relieving distressed fellow countrymen.

This year was also distinguished by the large amount of back dues collected, and the great interest

taken in the working of the institution. The following gentlemen were admitted ordinary members :—

Henry Watson,
Wm. McKay,
Wm. Clarke,
John Cormack,
Robt. Forrest,
Robt. G. Noble,
Adam Hunter,
Geo. Wilson,
Alex. McDonald,
Robt. Lindsay,
Robt. Balfour,
Daniel Thompson.
Henry Taylor,

A donation to the funds was received from Sir Colin Campbell, the late Lieut.-Govenor, through John L. Starr, his senior aide-de-camp, accompanied with the grateful recollection of the affectionate respect displayed by the society on the occasion of the departure from Nova Scotia of the donor.

At the November meeting, after the disposal of a great amount of business the society proceeded to elect office bearers which resulted as follows :—

John McGregor, *President,*
John Richardson, *Vice do.,*
John McDougall, *Sen. Asst. Do.,*
Samuel Gray, *Junr. Asst. do.,*
John Watt, *Treasurer,*
James Scott, *Secretary,*
John Cormack, *Asst. Secretary,*

John McIlreaith,
John Esson,
Wm. Grant,
Jas. Findlay,
Angus Fraser,
} *Committe of Charity,*

Geo. McKenzie,
Alex. Bain,
W. B. Stephenson,
} *Colleetors of back dues.*

A unanimous vote of thanks was passed to the retiring office-bearers for their unremitting attention to their duties while in office. The celebration of the festival was left with the office bearers elect.

The 30th was duly honoured by a large and enthusiastic company dining together at the Masonic Hall. The chair was ably filled by the President who was the life of the assemblage. Toasts and good fellowship was enjoyed untill 3 a. m., Dec. 1st, when our next merry meeting was given to a very happy and animated company.

1844.

This year the Meetings were held as for several past years attheic Mason Hall. Over £120 was distributed in relief, by the Committee of Charity.

At the February meeting it was uuanimously decided to admit fellow countrymen, non residents, to the meetings of the Society, the member introducing each or any, to pay two shillings and sixpence for the summer, and five shillings for the meetings of November and February, for each one so introduced, such strangers not to take any part in the business. By this means it was supposed the Society would be better known and appreciated. The following were admitted ordinary members during the year,

William Stevens, Charles Hamilton,
William Robb, Neil Rankin,
James Williamson, Alexander McLean,
William Kandick,

and at the August meeting, Captain John Taylor, of the brig William was proposed as an honorary member, by John Cormick, and unanimously elected by a show of hands. The above well known gentlemen has proved a most valuable acquisition to our Society, and has been distinguished by an active zeal, which has been well appreciated by his brother members, who have marked their confidence by twice placing him in the chair, which he has filled with great honor to himself and the Institution, which he has so well represented.

At the November meeting the following office-bearers were chosen for 1845,

John Richardson, *President*,
James Thomson, *Vice do.*
Samuel Gray, *Senr. Asst. Vice Do.*,
Donald Murray, *Junr. Asst. do. do.*,
John Watt, *Treasurer*,
Geo. McKenzie, *Secretary*,
Wm. Grant, Jr., *Asst. Do.*,
John McIlreith,
Hugh Campbell,
Adam Reid,
Wm. Grant, Senr.,
Jas. Findlay, } *Committee of Charity*,
James Scott,
William Finlay,
William Stephenson, } *Collectors of Back Dues*,
James Fraser, *Messenger*,

The Festival celebration, was left as usual with the office-bearers. At this meeting a note was received from Lieut. Col. Crabbe, commanding the 74th Higlanders, enclosing the sum of one pound

as a donation from a Scottish commander, to the charity fund of a National Institution.

The celebration of the 30th took place at Mason Hall. Over one hundred members and guests assembled to do honor to the occassion, and the Table reflected great credit on the caterer Hesslien. The Chair was filled by John Richardson, well assisted by James Thomson, Vice Chairman, and Asst. Vice Presidents, Donald Murray and Samuel Gray. About twenty toasts were given from the chair and the time sped rapidly until the approaching Sabbath, which forbad any encroachments, warned the company by the parting toast from the chair that time was up at a quarter to twelve. This dinner is remembered by all who had the pleasure of being present, as being the most social of the many gatherings that have taken place under the banners of the society. An incident in connection with the dinner may be noted. The city had but recently been lit with gas, and slight difficulties occurred occasionally with the meters, so it happened that just as the company were comfortably seated, the gas suddenly went out and the hall was at once in darkness, happily no confusion followed, as all kept their seats and the trouble was almost instantly rectified.

1845.

This year the meetings were held at the Masonic Hall and were very largely attended. The Commttee of Charity expended about £100 in charity,

and a large number of new members were acquired, viz. :—

Robert Boak,	John Lithgow,
James Magee,	Wm. Boak,
James Price,	William Thomson,
William Campbell,	H. B. Reid,
James Grieve,	Angus McLean,
William Crawford,	Jas. Gordon,
John Sinclair,	R. G. Fraser,
William Jamison,	Alex. McKay,
Alex. Taylor,	Alex. McPherson,
Donald Sutherland,	Jas. Mitchell,
Errol Boyd,	Jas. Rhind,
Jas. Reeves,	Geo. Barron,
Jos. Robinson,	John Mitchell,

A large amount of back dues was collected and the meetings were all enthusiastic and interesting. The society celebrated the anniversary of Bannockburn 24th June by a Procession and Picnic in which they were joined by the Highland Society, and the display of Scottish costume in the Procession joined with the splendid new banners, made it one of the most brilliant exhibitions ever witnessed in Halifax. The Picnic was a most triumphant success, and reflected the highest credit on Messrs. John Esson, Donald Murray, John Rhind, Maurice McIlreith and John Brander, who so ably conducted the whole arrangements to such a successful issue. At the next meeting in August they received the unanimous thanks of the society for their exertions. A vote of thanks was also passed to William Grant, Senr., for his admirable marshalling the Procession on that day. At the November meeting after the usual routine business, the society

proceeded to elect the office bearers for the ensuing year when the following gentlemen were chosen :—

Jas. Thomson, *President*,
John Esson, *Vice Do.*,
Hugh Campbell, *Sen. Asst. Do.*,
Samuel Gray, *Jun . Asst. do.*,
John Watt, *Treasurer*,
Wm. Grant, Jr., *Secretary*,
Alex. H. Taylor, *Asst. do.*,
Wm. Grant, Sr.,
Peter Grant,
John McNab, } *Committee of Charity.*
Adam Reid,
Jas. Findlay,
James Scott,
Angus McLean, } *Back Dues.*
William McKay,
Rev. John Martin, } *Chaplains*,
Rev. John Scott,
James Fraser, *Messenger*,

A unanimous vote of thanks was passed to the office bearers for their attention to their duties during the past year. The celebration of the National anniversary took place on Monday 1st Dec., at Masonic Hall when a large company consisting of members and guests assembled, and as it is recorded "the gas did not go out this time." Jas. Thomson filled the chair, and John Esson the vice chair. About twenty six toasts were disposed of, and wit, conviviality, and good-fellowship reigned supreme until the sma hours of the next morning. These reunions are productive of much good, as at them local prejudices are for-

gotten and all meet in a National sense as bretheren cherishing kindly feelings toward each other, as sons of one particular family of the human race, feelings second only to the ties of kindred. At these re-unions recollections of the past history of our country are awakened and strengthened, and love heightened for our glorious fatherland.

1846.

The four quarterly meetings were held at the Masonic Hall, and were each attended by from eighty to one hundred members. At the annual meeting over one hundred were present. £100 was disbursed by the Charity Committe, and a number of ordinary members admitted, viz :—

Thomas Bayne,	Peter Ross,
John A. Moir,	Thos. Cummings,
Philip Peebles,	David Smith,
Wm. Kerr,	Wm. Woods,
Alex. Taylor,	Wm. Hutchinson,
Stewart McDonald,	Daniel McPherson,
John Wilson,	Jas. Hutton,
Wm. McLean,	Arthur McLeod,
James Scott,	Wm. Laidlaw,
Wm. Wilson,	W. A. Hesson,
Duncan Grant,	Alex. Ogston,

Wm. Grant, (3rd).

Wm. Murdoch, Esq. became a Perpetual Member, paying the usual fee of £10.

The thanks of the Society were voted to Wm. Grant, Robt. Noble, and Angus McLean for their

exertions in collecting a large amount of back dues. During the year

Doctor H. McDonald, Maitland,
Alex. Barron, Master Mariner,
Forbes Black, Margarets Bay, and
Doctor McDonald, Dartmouth,

were elected honorary members.

The office of Senior Asst. Vice President having became vacant by the decease of Hugh Campbell, Samuel Gray, was chosen to fill his place, and Dr. James C. Hume, Senir Asst. Vice do. In examining the Treasurer's account we find the same number of widows on the relieved list, old pensioners and steady ones, but although discussions on that subject took place almost every year, they were still retained and relieved.

At the November meeting the following were elected office-bearers for 1847:

John Esson, *President*,
Wm. Murdoch, *Vice do.*
George McKenzie, *Senr. do. do.*
John McDougall, *Junr. do. do.*
John Watt, *Treasurer*,
Wm. Grant, jr., *Secretary*,
A. H. Taylor, *Asst. do.*

Wm. Grant,
Peter Grant,
Adam Reid,
Jas. Findley,
John McNab,
} *Committe of Charity.*

Angus McLean,
James Scott,
Alex. Davidson,
} *Committee of back dues.*

Chaplains re-elected.

James Fraser, *Messenger*,

The annual dinner took place at Mason Hall, and was, a capital re-union. Over one hundred members and guests were present. Thirty toasts were given from the chair, and the responses were eloquent and patriotic. The health of Sir Colin Campbell was most enthusiastically drank, and the company separated early next day, well pleased with the celebration.

1847.

The Society held their meetings as usual at Masonic Hall, and, as might be expected with such a capital staff of office-bearers, they were well attended and interesting. About £130 was distributed in charity, and several shipwrecked countrymen were forwarded to Scotland.

Jas. Kennedy,	Geo. Webster,
Samuel Noble,	C. W. Dickson,
David Ross,	Geo. Anderson,
Archibald Sinclair,	John Taylor,
Jas. Knight,	John Murdoch,
John McPherson,	Jas. Wilkie,
John Younnie,	Daniel Thom,
John Doull,	Alex. Dow,

Became ordinary members, and

Francis Munro, Portugese Cove,
Capt. Geo. McKenzie,
D. Grant, Antigonish,
Neil Rankin,
Charles Anderson, Musquodoboit,

Robert Grant,
John Fraser, and
David Falconer,

were elected honorary members.

A splendid Picnic under the auspices of the North British and Highland Societies was held on the 19th August, and great credit is due to the Managing Committee, which consisted of Captain John Fraser, Donald Murray, Geo. Esson, and Alex. Davidson, for its success.

At the November meeting which was attended by about one hundred members, a large amount of business was transacted, and the following gentlemen were elected to govern the Society for the following year :—

Wm. Murdoch, *President,*
Hon. Wm. Young, *Vice do.,*
John Strachen, *Sen. Asst. do.,*
George Esson, *Junr. Asst. do.,*
John Watt, *Treasurer,*
Wm. Grant, Jr., *Secretary,*
H. A. Taylor, *Asst. do.,*
Wm. Grant, Senr. *Marshal.*

Wm. Grant, Senr.
Wm. Crawford,
Adam Reid,
Thos. Laidlaw,
John McNab,
} *Committee of Charity*

Jas. Scott,
Donald Sutherland,
W. A. Hesson,
} *Back Dues.*

Rev. John Martin, } *Chaplains.*
Rev. John Scott, }

James Fraser, *Messenger.*

The annual dinner came off on the 30th November, at Masonic Hall, and was attended by His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, Sir John Harvey and suite, the Mayor, Heads of Departments, office-bearers of sister societies, &c. The Chair was filled by William Murdoch, the Vice Chair by William Young, The company was large and influential, and the toasts were well given and ably responded to. The health of His Excellency was proposed as the fifth toast, and was responded to in a clever and feeling manner by Sir John Harvey, who, in return, gave the North British Society, which called forth a spirited and brilliant response from the Vice Chairman, William Young. Amongst the speakers during the evening who commanded attention from their talented and eloquent speeches, were L. O'Connor Doyle, Rev. John Martin, and Col. Calder. The company finally seperated at 12 o'clock, in great harmony.

1848.

This was a most interesting year with the Society. The records show that the meetings were well attended, and much life is apparent from the lively discussions which took place. The Committee of Charity expended over £120, and the wreck of the ship *Omega* on the coast, with many Scotchmen on

board, demanded attention, which was cheerfully given in forwarding them to their destination.

The following gentlemen were elected ordinary members:

John Watson,	Wm. Stewart,
R. G. Fraser,	Geo. Buist,
Wm. M. Campbell,	Charles McQueen,
John Costley,	John Wier,
Andrew McNab,	Thos. McKie,
Wm. Finlay,	G. A. Flowers,
David C. Noble,	James Walters,

Jas. Romans.

Major Robertson, 82nd Regt., and H. Cameron, Pictou, were elected honorary members, and Chas. Murdoch was added to the perpetual list, he paying the usual fee of £10.

Among the names added to the Roll this year, we must note that of George Buist, who has from that time distinguished himself as an earnest and active member, which has won for him the confidence of his brother members, he having occupied the chair in 1856.

The annual Picnic of the North British and Highland Societies took place this year at the Prince's Lodge, and was attended by a large number of members and guests. It was a grand affair, and reflected great honor on the Committee who had charge, and who carried out the arrangements so successfully.

At the November meeting John Johnston, Esq. presented to the Society a Snuff Mull, formerly belonging to the St. Andrew's Society of Augusta, Georgia, U. S., when a British Colony, which

elicited a vote of thanks for this interesting memento of a former generation. And on motion a silver plate was ordered to be affixed thereto, with the particulars engraved.

The following were chosen office bearers for 1849:—

Hon. Wm. Young, *President*,
John McDougall, *Vice do.*,
George Esson, *Senr Do.*,
John Strachan, *Junr. Do.*,
John Watt, *Treasurer*,
Wm. Grant, Jr., *Secretary*,
Samuel Noble, *Asst. do.*,
John Gibson,
Maurice McIlreith,
Jas. Findlay,
John Richardson,
Wm. Grant, Senr., } *Committee of Charity*,
Jas. Williamson,
Geo. Anderson,
Geo. Webster, } *Committee of back dues*,
Rev. John Scott,
Rev. John Martin, } *Chaplains*,
Wm. Grant, Senr, *Marshal*,
James Fraser, *Messenger*,

The celebration of the festival was left with the office-bearers elect, and took place on the 30th November, at Masonic Hall, on which occasion His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor and suite dined with the society. This celebration was not behind any which had occurred heretofore, the assemblage of members and guests included many of our leading citizens. The chair was occupied by the Hon. Wm.

Young, who well discharged his duties, and whose exertions in entertaining the company were well seconded by John McDougall, Vice do. The table reflected credit on Hesslien, and the speeches by several talented gentlemen were the most eloquent ever listened to in Masonic Hall.

1849.

This year under the able Presidency of Hon. W. Young, the society flourished satisfactorily. The quarterly meetings were all fully attended and made interesting by the office-bearers. Thirteen members were added to the roll, viz.:

John Kandick,	Wm. Fraser,
John McLeod,	Jas. Rhind, Jr.,
Andrew Barton,	Bryce Gray,
Rev. Alex. Forrester,	Tristram Halliday,
Robt. Munro,	Wm. Penny,
Geo. Ross,	Wm. Smith,

And Murdoch Smith, Cape Breton,
and Geo. A. Currie, Margarets Bay,
were elected honorary members.

John Esson, became a perpetual member by making the usual donation of £10. Over £100 was expended in charity by the committee, who distributed that amount to numerous applicants. The society assisted in the celebration of the centenary anniversary of the settlement of Halifax, on 8th June, which came off with all the ceremonial splendor, pomp and rejoicing which might have been

expected on such an occasion; the society made a most magnificent appearance in the procession to Government House to present the address for transmission to her Majesty, the members having turned out in numbers to honour the occasion. Wm. Grant, Senr., the Marshal of the society, was appointed Grand Marshal of the procession of societies, and well discharged the duties of his office. The gorgeous Baton of office used on that occasion he presented to the society for which he received the unanimous thanks of the members, who decided, that in order to preserve such an interesting relic of the anniversary, to deposit it with Mr. Grants letter in the Museum of the Mechanics Institute, Dalhousie College, and a silver plate with a suitable inscription engraved thereon, was affixed at the expense of the society. The inscription reads as follows :—

PRESENTED BY THEIR MARSHAL
TO THE NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY,
HALIFAX, N. S.,
Centenary celebration, 8th June, 1849,
WILLIAM GRANT,
Grand Marshal.

The Baton was presented by the office-bearers to the Mechanics Institute for depositing in their Museum, which they received and which elicited the following reply from the President, Dr. D. McNeil Parker.

"To the President and office bearers of the North British Society,"

"Permit me on behalf of the committee and members of the Halifax Mechanic Institute, to tender

you my best thanks, for the handsome addition you have made to their Museum, by presenting it with the Baton of the first centenary Grand Marshal, Wm. Grant, used officially by that gentleman on the 8th May, 1849."

"Rest assured that the gift will be appreciated and valued not only on account of the connection it had with the celebration of that important day, but also because it will be regarded as an evidence of the kindly feeling entertained by your society towards one of the earliest Literary Institutions established in a colony bearing the name of your fatherland. Personally it will afford me much gratification to place the elegant Baton in the Institute Museum for safe keeping, where doubtless it will be a subject of admiration to visitors of the present day, but more so from the associations it will naturally suggest to those who in after years may view it as an interesting relic connected with the history of Nova Scotia's capital."

At the annual meeting, after considerable business had been disposed of, the society proceeded to elect office-bearers, viz.:—

John McDougall, *President*,
Geo. McKenzie, *Vice Do.*,
John Gibson, *Sen. Asst. do.*,
Geo. P. Mitchell, *Junr. Asst. Do.*
Wm. Grant, Jr., *Secretary*,
Samuel Noble, *Asst. do.*,
Wm. Grant, Sr., *Marshall*,

Maurice McIlreith,
John Richardson,
Archibald Sinclair,
Jas. Findley,
Wm. Grant, Sr., } *Committee of Charity,*

Geo. Anderson,
Geo. Webster,
Jas. Williamson, } *Back dues,*

Rev. John Martin,
Rev. John Scott, } *Chaplains,*

James Fraser, *Messenger.*

A vote of thanks was then passed to the Hon. Wm. Young for the handsome manner in which he had conducted the business during the past year, which vote was acknowledged in a most eloquent and feeling reply from that gentleman.

The time honored festival of St. Andrew, the Patron Saint, was duly celebrated on the 30th Nov. Over 100 members and guests sat down at Masonic Hall to one of the most sumptous entertainments ever prepared in Halifax. The splendid Band of the 38th Regt., under the direction of their talented Master, Ferrugia, attended and added to the enjoyment of the evening by a magnificent programme of Scottish music. The Colonel of the 38th Regt., Sir John Campbell, Bart., a Scotsman, was one of the public guests, and enjoyed the company of his fellow Scotsmen, and responded to one of the toasts. Seventeen regular toasts were given, beside many volunteer ones, and the arrangements of the evening spoke well for the Chairman, John McDougall, Esq., and George MacKenzie, who acted as Croupier.

1850.

The four quarterly meetings were held as usnal at Masonic Hall, and under the direction of such popular office-bearers, the Society kept to the front. A large amount was disbursed by the Charity Committee to worthy applicants, and great interest was taken in the meetings. Four members were added to the roll, viz.:

Hugh Fraser, Wm. Finlay,
Wm. Blythe, Duncan McMillan,

And

Ronald Currie, Robert Innes,
Alex. Cameron, Robert Waddell,

were elected honorary members.

A large amount of back dues were collected by the Committee during the year.

300 copies of the Bye-Laws were printed at an expense of £5. The following resolution was passed at the November meeting:—

"That when the interest money on Perpetual Members fees shall exceed the sum of £50 the surplus shall be applied to the general charitable purposes of the Society."

On examining the records of the year, we find that such a drain on the Society's funds had been made by continued allowance to old pensioners, that but a small amount was available for occasional distress, the real object of the Society's charity. Long discussions ensued on this vexed question, but they appear to have been of no effect, the pensioners being still retained, they being principally Widows of former members.

At the November meeting, the following gentlemen were elected to rule the Society for 1851 :

Geo. McKenzie, *President*,
John Strachan, *Vice do.*,
Geo. P. Mitchell, *Senr. Asst. do.*
Donald Murray, *Junr. Asst. do.*,
John Watt, *Treasurer*,
Wm. Grant, Jr., *Secretary*,
Thos. W. McKie, *Asst. do.*

Alex. Sinclair,
John Brander,
Wm. Finlay,
Robt. Boak, Jr.,
John McIlreith, } *Committee of Charity.*

Wm. Grant, Senr., *Marshal*,

Jas. Reid,
R. J. Mills,
Danl. Thom, } *Back Dues.*

Jas. Reid, *Missenger*.

A vote of thanks was passed to the retiring office-bearers.

The Society celebrated the Festival by dining together at the Masonic Hall. About one hundred sat down to Table. Geo. McKenzie, Esq. occupied the Chair, and proposed about twenty toasts. John Strachan, Esq. ably assisted. Many eloquent responses were elicited from members and guests, and the company finally separated among the sma' hours, delighted with the entertainment and their entertainers.

1851.

The meetings were held as usual at Mason Hall, and appear to have been all well attended. Over £80 was expended by the Committee of Charity, and the following were admitted ordinary members:

David Sterling, James, Watt,
Alex. J. Nairn, George Gordon,
James Riddell, Jas. W. Shirras,
Alex. Fraser.

And the following were unanimously elected honorary members:

Dr. Reid, H. M. S. "Cumberland,"
Quarter-Master McPherson,
Duncan Waddell,
Wm. Beverly, and
David Rugg.

George P. Mitchell was added to the roll of perpetual members, paying the usual fee of £10.

During the summer a Picnic, under the Banners of the North British and Highland Societies, was held at the Prince's Lodge. The procession to the boat which conveyed the party to the grounds, was a most billiant one, and its arrangement reflected great credit on the Marshal, Wm. Grant, The Picnic was most successful, and nothing occurred to mar the pleasure of a most beautiful day, with which the occasion was favored.

At the November meeting an interesting report from the Committee of Charity was presented by the Chairman, Archibald Sinclair, showing that several shipwrecked mariners had been forwarded to Scotland, and much distress alleviated.

The following were elected office-bearers for the ensuing year :—

John Strachan, *President*,
Donald Murray, *Vice do.*,
Alex. Bain, } *Assts. Vice do.*
Wm. Campbell, }
John Watt, *Treasurer*,
T. W. McKie, *Secretary*.
Errol B. Boyd, *Asst. do.*,
Archibald Sinclair, }
Robert Boak, Jr., } *Committee of Charity.*
John McKay, }
John Grant, }
John Brander, }
Wm. Grant, *Marshal*,
Rev. John Scott, } *Chaplains.*
Rev. John Martin, }

The festival was celebrated on the 30th November, by the annual dinner. A large and influential company sat down to a splendid table prepared by Hesslien. At 9 o'clock the President rose and said, "This Society has been requested to join in a Toast with their brethren in nearly all the principal cities in the United States and sister Colonies, which is embodied in a despatch just now received from New York, 'Brother Scots, our hands we cannot, but here's our hearts.'" It is needless to say the sentiment was drank with enthusiasm. Speeches were delivered during the evening by Hon. Wm. Young, Col. Hillyer, Rev. John Martin and Hichbourne, and by the guest of the evening, Major Cumberland, commanding the 42nd Royal Highlanders, the splendid band of

which Regiment was stationed in the orchestra. About twenty regular toasts were given from the chair, and the company seperated shortly after twelve, well satisfied with the evening's entertainment.

1852.

The Society met at Masonic Hall, and but little of interest is recorded. The number of applicants for relief was unusually small, and not more than £60 was applied to the charitable objects of the Society. During the year

James Hunter, Wm. Rhind,
John McCulloch, Patrick Graham,
James Thomson,

were added to the Roll of ordinary members and David Patterson was added to the honorary list. A donation of £7 10 0 was made this year by the band and pipers of the 42nd Highlanders towards the charity fund of the Society, to which a suitable acknowledgement was made by the President, through Major Cumberland, commanding the Regiment. A Highland Bonnet was also presented by the President to the Society for the use of the Piper, for which he received a vote of thanks.

At the November meeting the following office-bearers were elected:—

Donald Murray, *President*,
Wm. Grant, *Vice Do.*,
Wm. M. Campbell, } *Asst. Vice Do's.*,
John Doull, }
John Watt, *Treasurer*,

John A. Sinclair, *Secretary*,
David Ross, *Asst. Do.*,
Arch. Sinclair,
John Richardson,
Wm. McKay,
John Grant,
John McIlreith, } *Committee of Charity*,
Wm. Grant, *Marshal.*
Rev. John Martin,
Rev. J. Scott, } *Chaplains.*
Wm. Grant,
Wm. McKay,
Errol Boyd, } *Committee of back dues.*

The Society dispensed this year with the usual expenssive and formal dinner, and supped sociably together on the 30th November. A numerous party sat down at Masonic Hall to a sumptuous entertainment, got up in Hesslien's best style. Donald Murray, the President, presided, ably assisted by William Grant, Senr., John Doull and W. M. Campbell, Assistant Vice Presidents. There were only two regular toasts given, St. Andrew and the Queen, but a variety of volunteer toasts followed. Songs and good fellowship helped to speed along the time until the wee sma' hours, surprised the merry makers in the height of their hilarity, and shortly after the inspiring notes of the Pibroach sounded what they never do in battle, a retreat. Altogether this social supper was a most pleasing re-union, and one of its most pleasing features was that the old maxim was kept steadily in view by all present,

"Be merry and wise."

1853.

The meetings were held at the usual place, and were all attended by a large number of members. About £100 was disbursed in charity, and the following gentlemen were admitted ordinary members:—

William Murray, Duncan McQueen,
Rev. G. W. Sprott, William Miller,
Alex. Henderson. John Laidlaw,
John Sinclair, James Findlay,
Wm. Farquarson, Alexander Fraser,
Alexander McKay William Wilson,
James Irons, George Inness,
John C. Drummond,
Alexander McDonald.

And the Right Hon. the Earl of Ellesmere,
Capt. James A. Gore, 71st Regt.,
Alexander Scott, Glasgow,
John Cameron,

were elected Honorary Members, the first named making a donation of £2 10s. to the charity fund, and

John Watt,
John McKay,

were added to the Perpetual List, they making the usual payment of £10.

An application was made to the City Council for a Lot of ground in the Cemetery for the Society, when the following communication was received at the August meeting, from the Council:—

HALIFAX, 18th July, 1853.

SIR,—In answer to your application for the use of a certain portion of the Cemetery for the North British Society, I beg leave to state that the same

was referred to His Honor the Recorder for his opinion, and that opinion having been submitted to the City Council on Friday last the accompanying resolution was passed.

I have the honor to be,
Yours, &c.,
JAMES S. CLARKE,
City Clerk,

To DONALD MURRAY, ESQ.,
President North British Society.

Resolved, That a portion of thirty feet of that part of the public Cemetery marked "Stranger's Burial Ground" in the plan, be sold to the North British Society for the sum of £2 15s. currency, the particular situation to be arranged by the Cemetery Committee, the deed to be in the name of such persons as the Society may appoint and intrust for the exclusive burial of such persons and strangers as the Society may bury at their expense.

JAMES S. CLARKE,
City Clerk.

William McKay and John Watt were appointed Trustees to hold the Deed for the Society, but at a special meeting called soon after, this motion was rescinded and the President and his successors appointed Trustees for the Society.

The President made a donation to the Society of the amount of the Lots, for which he received the unanimous thanks of the members. The following gentlemen were appointed a Committee to procure subscriptions from members for the purpose of

enclosing the ground with a suitable rail and putting it in order :—

GEO. ESSON,
GEO. MCKENZIE,
JOHN MUNRO.

A most interesting meeting was held in November, and after the transaction of a large amount of business, the following office-bearers were elected for 1854 :

Andrew McKinlay, *President*,
Charles W. Dickson, *Vice Do.*,
Wm. Grant, jr., W. M. Campbell, } *Asst. Do.*,
John Watt, *Treasurer*,
John A. Sinclair, *Secretary*,
John McCulloch, *Asst. Do.*,
Arch. Sinclair, John Richardson, W. A. Hesson, John Munro, Alex. McDonald, } *Committee of Charity.*
Wm. Grant, *Marshal*,
Rev. John Martin, Rev. John Scott } *Chaplains*,

The 30th November was observed as usual by the dinner at Mason Hall. A large number of the Society attended, and the celebration passed off happily.

1854.

Under the guidance of such an able and popular President as Andrew MacKinlay the society increased in numbers and usefulness, about £90 was

disbursed in charity and among the number relieved the names of four members occur, who had long contributed to the charitable purposes of the society. The meetings were largely attended and the following gentlemen signed the roll of ordinary members.

Jas. J. Bremner,
Peter Jack,
Chas. H. Sinclair,
James Parker,
W. S. Forman,
Wm. Currie,
Wm. Sutherland,
Jas. Wilson, Jr.,
Charles Lyle,
John A. Johnston,
Donald Fraser,
Robt. Spiers,
James Wallace,
W. A. Grant,

And

John Christie, Cape Breton,
Capt. James Griffin,

were unanimously elected honorary members. In consequence of several amemdments being suggested in the report of the committee of charity, the following gentlemen were appointed to examine and revise the rules and bye-laws previous to publication, and report during the incoming year.

Arch. Sinclair,
James Watt,
John Munro,
Adam Reid,
John Watt.

At the annual meeting in November which was attended by about eighty members, the society elected the following office bearers for 1855 :—

C. W. Dickson, *President,*
Geo. Buist, *Vice do.,*
John A. Sinclair, *Senr. Asst. do.,*
John Doull, *Junr. Asst. do.,*
John Watt, *Treasurer,*
John McCulloch, *Secretary,*
James Parker, *Asst. do.,*

Archibald Sinclair,
Alexander McDonald,
W. A. Hesson,
Adam Reid,
J. R. Stewart, } *Committee of Charity,*

Rev. John Martin,
Rev. John Scott. } *Chaplains,*

Wm. Grant, Senr., *Marshal,*

Jas. Reid, *Messenger.*

The festival was not forgotten on the 30th Nov. About one hundred sat down, the chair being ably filled by C. W. Dickson, with Geo. Buist as Vice, the splendid band of the 76th Regt. occupied the orchestra and gave one of the best sustained concerts ever listened to in Halifax. Over twenty toasts were drank among them we notice the memory of Mr. J: Forman, given by Mr. MacKinlay, who passed a high eulogium on the deceased, declaring that Mr. Forman had not left behind him a warmer hearted man, or a better sample of his countrymen. The company separated early next morning, all having gone on happily and satisfactorily.

1855.

The Society met as usual at Masonic Hall, and during the year the Committee of Charity distributed over £90. The following were admitted ordinary members,

John S. Maclean, David Ross,
R. J. Romans, Thomas Hume,
James Blair, George McKie,
James Monteith,

A. Stevens, and James Simpson,
were elected honorary members.

A commuication was this year received from Dr. Robb, of Fredricton, containing proposals for a union of all the Scottish Societies in the Colonies to draw instruction and authority from a Head Association in Scotland, or on this Continent, as might be agreed upon. The proposal was favourably received, and a committee was appointed to examine into the matter, but from some cause the scheme, although a most laudable one, fell through.

Not much of interest to note this year. At the annual meeting, the following gentlemen were elected office-bearers, viz. :—

George Buist, *President*,
John Doull, *Vice do.*
Peter Ross, *Senr. Asst.*
Capt. John Taylor, *Junr. Asst.*
John Watt, *Treasurer*,
William Grant, *Secretary*,
James Parker, *Asst. Do.*
Archibald Sinclair,
John Strachan,
Adam Reid,
W. A. Hesson,
J. R. Wilson,
} *Committee of Charity*,
William Grant, Senr. *Marshal*,
Rev. John Scott,
Rev. John Martin,
} *Chaplains*,

The anniversary was observed with all the usual honours.

A large company assembled at Mason Hall, which was beautifully decorated with appropriate

devices in gaslight, banners, evergreen, &c. The Table was one of Hesslien's best efforts, and the chairman George Buist, was ably assisted by John Doull. About twenty toasts were given from the chair, which together with volunteer songs, and sentiments, served to fill up the measure of mirth and enjoyment inseparable from the gatherings of the Society.

1856.

The meetings were held at Mason Hall. A large number of members attended, and over £100 was disbursed in charity. During the year the following gentlemen were enrolled ordinary members :

Jno. B. Campbell,	John Watson,
John P. Muir,	George Alexander,
A. K. MacKiulay,	John McKenzie,
Hugh Campbell,	Wm. F. Grant,
John Fraser,	Geo. McLean,
John Watson,	W. B. Smellie,
J. B. MacDonald,	Thos. Annand,
R. G. Haliburton,	Robt. Fraser,

John C. McKenzie.

And

Sergt.-Major John Campbell.
Alexander Fraser,
Captain Johnston,
Duncan MacDonald,
Donald D. Green,
Alexander McPhee.

Were elected honorary members.

At the May meeting, £20 was unanimously voted to the widow and family of Captain Hugh Lyle, a late member, formerly pilot of the Cunard line of

steamers, and latterly 1st officer of the Collins' Steamship Pacific, lost on her voyage between Liverpool and New York, on or about 1st February, 1856. This was acknowledged by Mrs. Lyle by note received at the November meeting. By the Report of the Committee of Charity, we notice that forty-eight persons were relieved during the year, several of the pensioner widows being of the number.

The following gentlemen were elected office-bearers for 1857 :—

John Doull, *President*,
Peter Ross, *Vice Do.*,
Captain John Taylor, *Senr. Asst. do.*
Wm. Annand, *Junr. do.*,
John Watt, *Treasurer*,
Alexander Scott, *Secretary*,
Wm. B. Smellie, *Asst. do.*,
Arch. Sinclair,
Donald Murray,
W. A. Hesson,
Adam Reid,
Alex. McDonald, } *Committee of Charity*,
Chaplains re-elected,
Marshal do.
Wm. Grant, Senr.,
Geo. McKenzie
John Richardson, } *Back Dues.*

The festival was held at the Mason Hall, and was the dinner of the season. Over one hundred sat down, and the whole arrangement reflected great credit on the office-bearers.

During the year the Society lost one of its

Banners. It was lent for the decoration of the Province Building on the occasion of the Ball given by the citizens to the 62nd and 63rd Regts., who arrived from the Crimea, in June. It was stolen from the building after the conclusion of the Ball, or some time before the next morning. Diligent search was made for it, but without success.

1857.

This year the meetings were each attended by from eighty to one hundred members. Great interest was taken in the proceedings, and the Committee of Charity disbursed £117 to sixty-two individuals. The following were added to the ordinary list during the year:

James Kerr,	James Hunter,
Adam Burns,	Peter Scott,
Robert Bauld,	Geo. Fraser,
James Fraser,	John Muir.

And the following were elected honorary members:

Capt. J. C. Dalyrmple Hay, H. M. S. "Indus,"
David Johnston,
John Blackie,
Spencer Sutherland,

A magnificent Ball was given by the Society on the 10th February, which was attended by a large company, which included the elite of the city. One of the workmen while engaged in decorating the room for the occasion, fell to the floor of Mason Hall, and sustained serious injury. At the next quarterly meeting the Society unanimously voted him Ten pounds.

The thanks of the Society were voted at the November meeting to the Committee of Charity for their services during the past year, they having had many applications to inquire into and relieve. The following office-bearers were elected at this meeting for the ensuing year:

Peter Ross, *President*,
Capt. John Taylor, *Vice do.*
Wm. Annand, *Senr. do.*,
Wm. Murray, *Junr. do.*,
John Watt, *Treasurer*,
W. B. Smellie, *Secretary*,
John B. Campbell, *Asst. Do.*,

Donald Murray,
Geo. McKenzie,
J. P. Muir,
John Brander,
John McIlreaith,
} *Committee of Charity.*

Chaplains re-elected.

The Festival of St. Andrew was celebrated on the 30th November, by the usual dinner at Masonic Hall. About one hundred sat down to a capital table, and the toasts and sentiments were of the most enlivening and inspiring character. On the list we notice that the Scot's Society of Boston that day celebrating their 200th anniversary was honored by being remembered on this occasion.

1858.

This year was an important one in the annals of the society as much business was transacted and the meetings were well attended. At the February

meeting the committee appointed to take steps towards incorporating the society, reported, and the draft of act of incorporation prepared by Hon. Wm. Young, was unanimously approved of, and that gentleman requested to introduce the same into the legislature during the session, this was done, and the society was incorporated in the name of the office bearers and members and their successors, under the rules passed on 7th Nov. 1843. The Committee of Charity during the year distributed £117 to over forty applicants. The following were added to the roll of members :—

Robert Penton, Jas. S. Hutton,
John Campbell, Wm. Fraser,
And
David Hunter, John N. Ross,
Geo. Laing,

were unanimously elected Honorary members. Three hundred copies of the rules with names of members and list of office bearers were printed, the most complete set that has yet been issued. During the year the question of the banner lost in 1856 was brought, up when it was decided to replace it by private subscription.

At the November meeting the following office bearers were elected to serve for the ensuing year :

Capt. John Taylor, *President*,
Wm. Annand, *Vice Do.*,
Wm. Murray, *Senr. Asst. Vice Do.*,
Alex. Scott, *Junr. Asst. Vice do.*,
John Watt, *Treasurer*,

John B. Campbell, *Secretary*,
Charles W. Dickson, *Asst. do.*,
John McIlreith,
J. P. Muir,
John Brander,
John Bayne,
Thos. Bayne, } *Committee of Charity.*
Rev. John Martin,
Rev. John Scott, } *Chaplains*
Wm. Grant, *Marshal*,
Jas. Reid, *Messenger*,
D. Murray,
Jas. Kerr,
J. J. Bremner, } *Back dues*,

A vote of thanks was passed to the Secretaries, W. B. Smellie, and J. B. Campbell, for their attention during the past year.

1859.

Under the guidance of such an able staff of officers as those elected to govern the Society for this year, the business was well attended to, and marked progress is perceptible in the affairs of the Institution.

The 100th anniversary of the natal day of Scotland's National Poet, was celebrated with all honor by the Society. Long looked for, the arrival of the day did not find the Society asleep. About half-past 2, p. m., the North British Society, joined by the Highland Society and by Scotchmen and their descendants, to the number of about three hundred marched in procession from Mason Hall to Temperance Hall, which was at once filled with about

1600 persons. The Chair was filled by Chief Justice Halliburton, a member of the Society, who introduced the Hon. Wm. Young, who delivered an oration which occupied an hour and a half in delivery, which was received throughout with enthusiastic applause. At 6, p. m., the members and guests assembled at Mason Hall, and partook of a magnificent dinner, served up in Nichols' best style. The Hon. Wm. Young presided. On his right His Excellency the Earl of Mulgrave, on his left Col. Dick. Capt. J. Taylor filled the Vice Chair. Over twenty toasts were drank with unbounded enthusiasm by the company, which numbered about 300. At 10 o'clock the toast of the evening was given by the Chairman, at which hour the Society had been requested to join with their countrymen engaged in celebrating the day in New York and elsewhere, in drinking to the following: "Kindred associations throughout the world, may they preserve the songs and desiminate the sentiments of Burns, till

'Man to man the world o'er
Shall brithers be and a' that.'"

This was followed by speeches from the Earl of Mulgrave, Hon. J. W. Johnston, and other distinguished guests, and the company finally broke up at one a. m., after a most joyous dinner, thus completing the most successful celebration yet held in Halifax. The cost was large, but was partially defrayed by liberal subscriptions from members. Great credit is due to the office-bearers, but par-

ticularly to the Secretary, for the success which crowned the celebration.

Over £130 was expended in charity by the Committee this year, and the following members acquired:

ORDINARY.

Robert Muirhead, George R. Anderson,
Robert Gray, David Crawford,
Jas. C. Mackintosh, Andrew Wallace,
William Henry, Robert Urquhart.

HONORARY.

Wm. Miller, David Petrie.
James Matheson, John McGregor,
Wm. Murray.

PERPETUAL.

George Esson, Hon. Stayly Brown.

The thanks of the Society was passed to Wm. Cunard for his kindness in transmitting two poor Scotchmen to their native land at a reduced rate of passage, thereby greatly assisting the Committee of Charity in their duties. Over £113 was collected in dues from members present at the Quarterly Meetings, showing that they were all largely attended.

At the November meeting the following were appointed office-bearers for 1860:

W. B. Smellie, *President*,
John A. Sinclair, *Vice do.*,
Jno. B. Campbell, *Sen. Asst. do.*,
George MacLean, *Jun. do. do.*,

John Watt, *Treasurer*,
Andrew K. MacKinlay. *Secretary*.
James Wilson, *Asst. do.*,
Thomas Bayne,
John P. Muir,
John Brander,
George Alexander,
James Rhind, } *Committee of Charity*
Rev. John Scott,
Rev. John Martin, } *Chaplains*.
Wm. Grant, *Marshal*,
James Reid, *Messenger*.

The thanks of the Society were given to the Secretary for his services during the past year.

The festival was duly honored on the 30th Nov. The Society with a large number of guests dined together at the Masonic Hall. The Earl of Mulgrave and other distinguished persons were present, and it, like all its predecessers, passed off happily, and with honor to the Society.

1860.

The Quarterly meetings were well attended at the usual place, Masonic Hall. During the year about £65 was disbursed in Charity, there not being the usual number of applicants.

The following were elected, and signed the roll of ordinary members:

Henry W: Fish,	John Davison,
James Malcom,	James Romans,
Dr. W. H. Davies,	John Drillio,
Donald Ross,	Dr. Cowie,
Alexander McLeod,	William Mason.

J. W. Fraser.

And Malcolm McDougall, of Bras d'Or Lake, C. B., was elected an honorary member.

The Society turned out in strength to line the streets on the landing of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, July 30th. At a special meeting, held previous to the occasion, a silk Union Jack was handed to the Society by James Kerr, the expense of which had been defrayed by private subscription. Mr. Kerr received the unanimous thanks of the Society for his exertions in providing this Banner.

The Society received the thanks of J. C. Haliburton and family for the respect shown by the members on the occasion of the funeral of the late Chief Justice Haliburton, an old and respected member, they having attended in large numbers to pay the last tribute of respect to the deceased.

A letter having appeared in the Acadian Recorder of 21st July, reflecting on the character of the President who had lately been in a difficulty with the government in regard to matters connected with the Railway Department, led to the following resolution being passed by the society at the August meeting, moved by Capt. Taylor, seconded and passed unanimously, that

Whereas, In a communication signed a North Britisher, published in the *Acadian Recorder* of the 21st ult., aspirations have been cast upon the President and members of this society, and *Whereas,* the members of this society feel it due to themselves as a body to refute the vile insinuations

contained in that communication. *Therefore Resolved*, that this meeting express the indignation felt at the appearance of said letter, that the statements therein contained are false, and their belief that the writer thereof is not, or worthy to become a member of this society, and this meeting is happy to have an opportunity of expressing its high appreciation of the talents and character of their young and able president, and of proving the writer of the above mentioned communication a vile slanderer. *Further Resolved*, that a copy of the foregoing be sent to the *Acadian Recorder* for publication.

At the annual meeting the following office bearers were elected for 1861.

John A. Sinclair, *President*,
John B. Campbell, *Vice Do.*,
Geo. MacLean, *Sen. Asst. do.*,
James Thomson, *Junr. Asst. Do.*,
John Watt, *Treasurer*,
Robt. Gray, *Secretary*,
J. C. Mackintosh, *Asst. do.*,

Thos. Bayne,
Geo. Alexander,
James Rhind,
James Hunter,
James Kerr,
} *Committee of Charity.*

Rev. John Scott,
Rev. John Martin,
} *Chaplains.*

Wm. Grant, *Marshal*,
Jas. Reid, *Messenger*,

The festival was celebrated by the usual dinner at Mason Hall. About eighty gentlemen present. Presided over by

J. A. Sinclair, *Chairman*,
J. B. Campbell, *Vice do.*,

The evening was spent happily by all present, and was in every way a pleasant reunion, speeches, song, and sentiment occupied the time until the parting toast of "our next merry meeting" separated the company at about 1 A. M.

1861.

But little of interest to record this year. The meetings were held at Masonic Hall,and about £100 was distributed by the Committee of Charity.

In August a magnificent picnic under the auspices of the Society, was held at Bedford, which was attended by an immense number of citizens.

James MacKintosh, Jas. S. MacDonald,
were admitted ordinary members, and
James Davy, Alex. McDonald
were elected honorary members.

At the annual meeting the Committee of Charity brought in an interesting Report, in which they brought prominently forward the necessity of the large amount of back dues now accumulated on the books being collected. They recommended that some member of the Society be appointed collector, and receive a commission for the same. The report was received and adopted. At this meeting, which was well attended, the following were elected office-bearers for 1862:

George McKenzie, *President,*
George Alexander, *Vice do.,*
James Hunter, *Sen. Asst. do.,*
Dr. W. H. Davies, *Junr. do. do.,*
John Watt, *Treasurer,*
J. C. MacKintosh, *Secretary,*
Jas. S. MacDonald, *Asst. do.,*
Thomas Bayne,
Dr. W. H. Davies,
James Rhind,
James Kerr,
John S. MacLean, } *Committee of Charity.*
Rev. John Scott,
Rev. John Martin, } *Chaplains.*
Wm. Grant, Senr., *Marshal,*
John Patterson, *Messenger.*

The festival of St. Andrew was duly observed by the usual dinner at Masonic Hall. George McKenzie, President, in the Chair, Geo. Alexander, Vice do. Owing to various causes the members did not attend in any great number. But the fact is, that large set formal public dinners are not as much in unison with the feeling of the Society as in days gone by. And although the office-bearers who had charge of the festival were all popular gentlemen, still the dinner was not by any means a success.

1862.

At the February meeting a case without precedent in the annals of the Society occurred. Letters from George McKenzie and George Alexander, President and Vice President of the Society, were

read, tendering the resignation of their offices, on account of the members not giving them that support that was desirable in carrying out the arrangements of last Festival. This was the cause of great regret to the large meeting assembled, as these gentlemen had been unanimously elected to their offices. Considerable discussion ensued, when it was finally resolved and passed that their resignations be accepted. The Society then proceeded to elect members to fill their places, when James Thomson was unanimously elected President, and John P. Muir Vice President, for the remainder of the year.

A special meeting was called in June, to consider the propriety of raising a sum of money to aid in erecting a monument to H. R. H. the late Prince Consort, a communication having been received from the Scottish Association, also a printed circular letter from the Duke of Bucclough, on the same subject. After due consideration it was decided not advisible to open a subscription, it being the opinion of the society that any effort for such a purpose should be made with a view to the erection of a monument in Nova Scotia.

During the year the following ordinary members were admitted :—

E. M. Macdonald,	John McDonald,
Wm. Murray, 2d,	John H. Johnston,
John MacKay,	Alex. MacKenzie,

And

Peter Ross became a Perpetual member by the payment of the usual fee of £10.

At the annual meeting the Committee of Charity brought in their report to the effect that over £90 had been applied to the carrying out of the objects of the institution. The following were elected office bearers for 1863 :—

Dr. W. H. Davies, *President,*
Geo. Maclean, *Vice do.,*
Dr. Cowie, *Senr. Asst. do.,*
Jas. Kerr, *Junr. Asst. Do.,*
John Watt, *Treasurer,*
Jas. S. Macdonald, *Secretary,*
Wm. Murray, 2d, *Asst. do.,*
Wm. Grant, Senr., *Marshal,*
Rev. John Martin, } *Chaplains,*
Rev. John Scott, }
John S. Maclean, }
Peter Ross, } *Committee of Charity,*
John Watson, }
W. B. Smellie, }
A. Stephen, }
John Patterson, *Messenger,*

The festival was not forgotten. A social supper was held at the Halifax Hotel, which was well attended.

Dr. W. H. Davies, *Chairman,*
Geo. MacLean, *Vice Do.,*

The usual patriotic and loyal toasts were drank. Songs, mirth and sentiment followed and the company finally broke up at 1 p. m., pleased with the social manner in which the anniversary had been celebrated.

1863.

The place of meeting was changed this year from the Masonic Hall to the Halifax Hotel, as being more convenient for members, and in every way better adapted for the purpose; about £100 was disbursed in charity, and the following admitted ordinary members :—

Robert Breckin,	Neil Wier,
James Fraser,	Henry Inglis,
Geo. Porter,	Donald Fraser,

W. S. More, an ordinary member of the society was placed by his own request on the Honorary list, and Jas. Forman became a perpetual member by the payment of £10.

On the 14th April, a most enthusiastic celebration was held in the city in honor of the Prince of Wales' marriage. A meeting of the various societies was held and a committee from each were drafted to prepare an address to deliver to the Lieutenant-Governor, the Earl of Mulgrave, for transmission to their Royal Highnesses. The committee met when the address prepared by the North British Society was unanimously adopted, and on the 14th inst., the National Societies, headed by the North British, marched in procession to Government House, where the address, neatly engrossed and ornamented on parchment, was delivered to the Lieut.-Governor, by the President, W. H. Davies, M. D. The address adopted as before noticed, was ordered to be entered upon the records, and reads as follows:—

" Congratulatory Address presented by the North British, St. Georges, Carpenters, and Charitable Irish Societies, to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, on the occasion of his marriage with the Princess Alexandra of Denmark, March 10th 1863, delivered for transmission to His Royal Highness on the day of celebration, held April 14th, 1863."

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS,—

"We, the Presidents and Secretaries, on behalf of the North British, St. Georges, Carpenters, and Charitable Irish Societies approach your Royal Highness with our sincere congratulations on the occasion of your marriage with the Princess Alexandra of Denmark."

"In common with her Majesty's loyal subjects in this Her Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia, we have received with unbounded satisfaction the tidings of your recent nuptials. We sincerely hope that the event may be crowned with every happiness, and that the Great Giver of all Good may vouchsafe to your Royal Highness and your amiable Princess, a long and unbroken career of conjugal felecity."

"Recognising in your Royal Highness, the Hope and stay of the crown, this event so intimately connected with your future welfare, could not on our part, be allowed to pass without some expression of heartfelt attachment to the Government, under which we have the happiness to live, and we therefore beg to renew in this address, our warm loyalty

to your Royal mother's person and family, and to assure your Royal Highness that we continue to cherish that faithful adherence to the throne which has ever distinguished our colony. We hail the present joy, as the harbinger of that happiness, which may be expected to characterise your future life, and fervently hope that generations yet unborn may refer to this event, as a bright era in the annals of the British empire."

"Signed on behalf of the different Societies by the Presidents and Secretaries."

At the annual meeting the following were elected office bearers for 1864 :—

Capt. John Taylor, *President*,
James Kerr, *Vice Do.*,
George Alexander, *Senr. Asst. do.*,
John Johnston, *Junr. Asst. do.*,
John Watt, *Treasurer*,
James S. MacDonald, *Secretary*,
Wm. Murray, *Asst. Do.*,
J. S. Maclean, Alexander Stephen, Peter Ross, Duncan Grant, George Esson; } *Committee of Charity.*
Wm. Grant, *Marshal*,
Rev. John Martin, Rev. John Scott } *Chaplains*,
Alexander Stephen, James Kerr, John McDonald, } *Back Dues.*

A social supper was held on the anniversary of St. Andrew, at Halifax Hotel, about fifty sat

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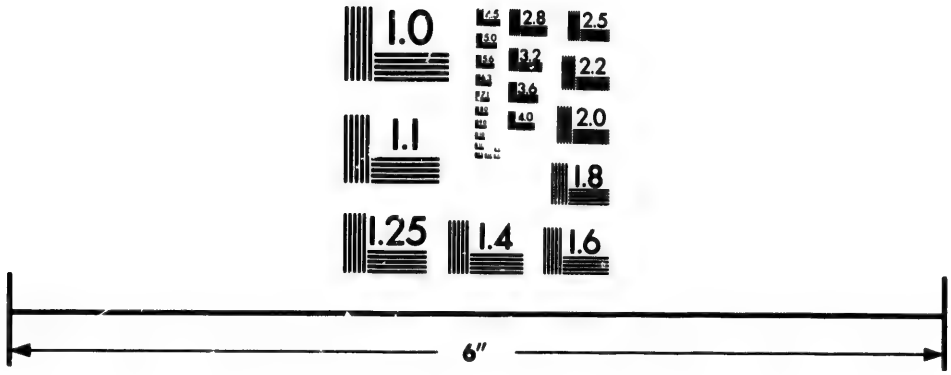

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down. The table done credit to the host, Hesslien, and the evening was spent with great satisfaction by those present. Capt. John Taylor filled the Chair, with Geo. MacKenzie as Vice. Several capital speeches were made and many songs and sentiments given, and the company finally broke up at 1 p. m., all delighted with the social character of the entertainment.

1864.

This year we notice the meetings were well attended, and were held at the Halifax Hotel. About £70 was disbursed by the Charity Committee, and the following were admitted ordinary members:

Charles Graham,	Hon. James McDonald,
Hugh Murray.	James Steinson,
Adam McKay,	Rev. George M. Grant,

The Society, on April 11, the Tri-Centenary of the birth of Shakespeare, joined with the St. George's Society, by request, in the procession to Temperance Hall, where an oration was delivered by the Hon. Joseph Howe, on the Genius of Shakespeare. The Society turned out well on this occasion, and were joined by the Scottish Volunteers and Caledonia Club, which helped to give the Scottish body a very creditable and brilliant appearance in the procession.

At the annual meeting the death of the Rev. John Scott, for many years one of the Chaplains of the Society, was announced, and a motion of the Society's deep regret ordered to be recorded.

The following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year:

John S. Maclean, *President*,
John Johnston, *Vice Do.*,
Alexander Stephen, *Senr. Asst. do.*,
John Taylor, *Junr. do.*,
John Watt, *Treasurer*,
James S. MacDonald, *Secretary*,
Hugh Murray, *Asst. do.*,
Robert Breckin, *Marshal*,
Rev. John Martin, *Chaplain*,
George McKenzie, Alexander Stephen, The Secretary, } *Back Dues.*
Peter Ross, John S. Maclean, George Buist, John Gibson, John Johnston, } *Committee of Charity*,
John Patterson, *Messenger*.

The Festival was not observed this year by the Society, although many members joined with the Caledonia Club in a social supper on the 30th, at which the retiring President, Capt. John Taylor, was Chairman.

1865.

Meetings held at Halifax Hotel during the year. The deaths of three most distinguished members were announced,

Hon. Judge Stewart, C. B.,
William Grant, Senr.,
Rev. John Martin,

The Committee of Charity expended about £90, in relieving the widow pensioners of the society and in forwarding several shipwrecked Scotchmen to their friends.

John McDonald was elected an ordinary member, and

John Drillio,

An ordinary member, now residing in Maitland, was placed on the honorary list. A communication was received from Vice Admiral Sir James Hope, K. C. B., enclosing a donation of £5 stg., with a request that his name be added to the roll of the society which was carried into effect at the February meeting, by his being unanimously elected an honorary member. At the May meeting the Rev. Geo. M. Grant, pastor of St. Matthew's, and Rev. W. Maxwell, pastor of Chalmers Church, were unanimously elected joint Chaplains, the offices having become vacant by the recent deaths of Rev. John Martin and Rev. John Scott, who for a long term of years had been annually elected to those honorary positions by the society. At the annual meeting in November the following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year :—

John B. Campbell, *President*,
Alex. Stephen, *Vice do.*,
James C. MacKintosh, *Senr. Asst. Vice do.*,
James Scott, *Junr. Asst. Vice do.*,
John Watt, *Treasurer*,
Hugh Murray, *Secretary*,
James Steinson, *Asst. do.*,

Robert Breckin, *Marshal*,

Rev. Geo. M. Grant, Rev. Wm. Maxwell, } *Chaplains*,

John S. Maclean, Geo. Alexander, George Buist, George Esson, J. A. Sinclair, } *Committee of Charity.*

Alexander Stephen, George McKenzie, Hugh Murray, } *Back dues*,

Peter Ross, John A. Sinclair, George Buist, John Gibson, J. H. Johnston, } *Cemetary Committee*,

John MacKenzie, John Patterson, } *Pipers.*

A vote of thanks was passed to the retiring office-bearers, for their judicious management of the affairs of the society. The members having of late years manifested but little interest in the observance of the festival of St. Andrew, it was decided by the-office bearers, that to meet the wishes of the society, the annual dinner would not be held this year as heretofore.

1866.

The records of this year possess more than common interest. The Society was the recipient of a princely bequest. It acquired a large number of ordinary and perpetual members, and it extended the hand of welcome as a Society to a body of Scottish immigrants. At its head this year was a

gentleman who has been for many years a distinguished member, and whose zealous attention to every matter relating to the North British Society, has won for him the esteem of his brother members.

During the year the Committee of Charity disbursed the ordinary amount to applicants, and the following were elected ordinary members:

Robert T. Muir, James Maccoush,
George McGregor, Benjamin A, Taylor,
John Crook, Thos. S. Reid,
Rev. Charles MacDonald,

And the following gentlemen became perpetual members, by paying £10.

John C. Halliburton,
Robert W. Fraser.
John B. Campbell,
Alexander McLeod,
Thomas Bayne,
James Thomson, Barrister,
William Esson,
Alexander Anderson.

It having been brought to the notice of the Society that a number of Scottish immigrants would arrive early in the summer by ship *Dr. Kane*, the President called a meeting of members to take the matter into consideration. A large number attended, and the following resolution passed unanimously:

"*Resolved*, That the President and office-bearers be requested to wait upon the Scottish immigrants now expected by the ship *Dr. Kane*, on

their arrival at this port, and on behalf of the Society to tender them a hearty welcome to Nova Scotia; and offer them any assistance or advice that they may require, and that the Society is capable of giving."

On the arrival of the *Dr. Kane*, the President and office-bearers waited upon the immigrants as directed, and the President, in the name of the Society, delivered the following welcome:

"Fellow Countrymen,—Several members of the North British Society of Halifax, having learned that a number of Scottish Immigrants were expected to arrive here shortly, addressed a requisition to me, as President of the Society, to call a special meeting, for the purpose of ascertaining what could be done on your arrival, to assure you that you would find friends on this side of the Atlantic. I have now much pleasure in reading to you the resolution unanimously adopted at that meeting. We, the office-bearers of the Society, have therefore, in accordance with that resolution, come to give you a hearty greeting to our shores. We are sure that you will not find yourselves entirely as strangers in a strange land, for nearly one-half of the population of this Province is Scottish or of Scottish descent; and it is in no boasting spirit that we say that their wealth, social position and moral standing is at least in true proportion to their numbers. Those who have hitherto came from Scotland, brought with them the intelligence, energy and religious spirit that characterized their forefathers, and which has made every coun-

try glad to welcome them as citizens. We are sure that the same national virtues still animate all true Scotchmen, and in this country they produce material prosperity as a necessary result. We have only to add that this resolution is no mere form, that you will find everywhere "leal hearted friends, and remunerative employment, and that should there be any necessity for active assistance of any kind, the office-bearers of the North British Society will not be slow to render it."

The immigrants were all found to be in comfortable circumstances, and were highly gratified at this mark of attention by the Society.

At the annual meeting in November, which was attended by a large number of members, the following interesting communication was made by the President. That he had received a letter from Charles Murdoch, Esq., addressed to him as President, informing him that the late William Murdoch had bequeathed to the Society the sum of "one thousand pounds," and that the mortgage for that amount would be handed to the Society, dated August 31st, 1856. The following extract from the Declaration of Trust, was then read :—

Extract.—" *Whereas* William Murdoch, of London, Great Britain, but formerly of Halifax, merchant, in and by his last will and testament, directed his executors, or the survivors of them, to invest in real security by way of mortgage on Government stock, of funds of Great Britain or Ireland, or the United States of America, the sum of one thousand pounds, and to assign and trsnsfer the

same to the office-bearers of the North British Society, of Halifax, in order that the annual income thereof might be disposed off by the Committee of Charity to the poor, under the rules of the Society."

(Signed) CHARLES MURDOCH.

To the Office-Bearers of the
North British Society,

The Society, to show their appreciation of this magnificent bequest, appointed a Committe to prepare a minute for record, a copy of which was sent to the executors, and which reads as follows:

"The North British Society had brought before its notice that a legacy of one thousand pounds had been left to it by the late William Murdoch, that the interest accruing therefrom might be available annually to supplement its funds and enable it the better to carry out its objects, hereby records its grateful acceptance of the same and its appreciation of the motives that prompted the generous donor."

They look upon this as an additional proof of the excellence of such a society as the North British—of the hold it has upon Scotchman who have resided in Halifax, and of the faithfulness with which its charities have been administered."

Wm. Murdoch was himself long a member, was once its President, and was thoroughly acquainted with its practical working. The name of William Murdoch will therefore be long honored by the society. At this meeting a letter from John Watt, Treasurer, was received tendering the resignation of his office in consequence of failing health, this was

received with great regret by the Society, as Mr. Watt had held the office for many years, with satisfaction to the Society. After the expression of the same by many present, the following minute was ordered to be recorded: "The Society having heard with much regret the intention of our worthy treasurer, John Watt, to resign his office on account of failing health, in accepting his resignation, beg to tender their warmest thanks for his long and valuable services of twenty-nine years as Treasurer, and also their sincere sympathy with him in his present illness."

During the year the Society's lots in the cemetary were enclosed with a handsome iron rail. A committee had been appointed from year to year since 1853, for that purpose without effect, and it was finally accomplished by the exertions of John H. Johnston, a member of the committee last appointed. The work was approved of by the society at the annual meeting, who decided to defray the cost, about £115, by devoting a portion of the accumulated interest in the savings' bank, arising from the perpetual members fees. The vote was reconsidered at a special meeting called for that purpose, but after ample discussion it was confirmed by a large majority.

At the November meeting the following office bearers were elected for 1867:—

Alex. Stephen, *President*,
James Hunter, *Vice do.*,
E. M. McDonald, *Sen. Asst. do.*,
Staff Capt. Robt. Breckin, *Jun. do. do.*,

James J. Bremner, *Treasurer*,
Hugh Murray, *Secretary*,
James Steinson, *Asst. Do.*,
George Porter, *Marshal*,
Rev. Wm. Maxwell, *Chaplain*,
John S. Maclean,
John B. Campbell,
Rev. Geo. Grant,
George Alexander,
George McKenzie, } *Committee of Charity*,
John McKenzie,
John Patterson, } *Pipers*,
John Patterson, *Messenger*.

At this meeting it was unanimously passed, "that any member being over sixty years of age, and a member of the society for over twenty years, be exempt from the payment of dues."

The festival of St. Andrew was this year passed over unnoticed.

1867.

The meetings were all well attended, and held at the Halifax Hotel. A large amount was disbursed in charity, and the following became ordinary members:

William A. McLeod,
Angus McLeod,
Alexander McDonald,
John McNee,
Simon D. Macdonald,
Hugh Munro,
Douglas McLeod,
James White,
John Sutherland,
William Johnson,
Robert Moyce,
Duncan Campbell,
John A. Grant,
Dr. Sutherland,
Rev. Charles M. Grant.

John Crerar was elected an honorary member, and

Alexander K. Doull and Adam Burns became perpetual members, by paying £10.

At the May Meeting the Treasurer, by request, furnished a statement of the finances of the Society, to date:

In Savings' Bank, Perpetual Members Fees	$ 849.93
On property of the late W. H. Wyldman, at 4 per cent. interest,	1800.00
" " Mrs. Slayter	1400.00
" " Peter Laughlan	2000.00
" " George Brown	600.00
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May, 2nd, 1867.

(Signed) J. J. Bremner,
Treasurer.

At the November meeting a letter was received from D. Kennedy, the Scottish Vocalist, who had recently visited the city, and had been specially patronised by the Society, inclosing a donation of £5, to the charity fund.

Previous to the annual meeting, a number of members waited upon the Hon. Chief Justice Young, to tender him the Chair of the Society for the ensuing year, in view of the celebration of the Centenary, which falls on the 26th March, 1868; it being the unanimous wish of the society that that hon. gentleman so long connected with the Institution, should fill the Chair on that occasion. The committee were successful in their mission,

as the honor being intended for a special occasion and an exceptional year in the annals of the Society, was accepted as such. This was communicated to the Society, and

The Hon. Chief Justice Young was unanimously elected President,
James Forman, *Vice Do.*,
Capt. John Taylor, *Senr. Asst. do.*,
John Doull, *Junr. Do.*,
James J. Bremner, *Treasurer*,
James S. MacDonald, *Secretary*,
Thomas S. Reid, *Asst. do.*,
Rev. Wm. Maxwell, *Chaplain*,
John S. MacLean,
Donald Murray,
John B. Campbell,
James Hunter,
J. P. Muir, } *Committee of Charity.*
Capt. Robert Breckin, *Marshal*,
John McKenzie,
John Patterson, } *Pipers.*
John Patterson, *Messenger*,

The Festival of St. Andrew was passed over unnoticed on account of the general wish of the Society, that all possible honor should be concentrated on the Centenary, which falls on an early day in the ensuing year.

1868.

CENTENARY YEAR.

This most important year in the annals of our Society was ushered in under favorable auspices,—with a large and influential roll of ordinary, honorary, and perpetual members,—with a very large charity fund, and an active and well known committee to disburse the same; and enjoying the honor of having at its head, as President, the leading Scotchman of the Province, the Honorable WILLIAM YOUNG, Chief Justice, the third of that ilk who has occupied the chair of the Society, who, to his distinguished station, adds the genuine patriotic spirit of his country, which has ever made him a popular and esteemed member during his long and active connection with the society.

In view of the approaching centenary, a special meeting of the society was called on the 28th day of January, to take the same into consideration; a large meeting responded to the summons, and various proposals were made, the result of which was that several committees were appointed to consider the most suitable way of celebrating the same, to report at the February Quarterly meeting. Among these committees, one important one may here be noticed: The President informed the Society that he had heard it suggested, that in order to mark the anniversary, a Bursary be founded in Dalhousie College; and as the suggestion was a most praisworthy one, having for its object the advancement of education in the Province, he would

recommend it to the consideration of the society. After many members had spoken in favor of the scheme, the following committee was appointed to examine into the practicability of the same, with details, and report at next meeting.

James Forman, *Chairman*,
Captain John Taylor,
John Doull,
J. J. Bremner,
J. B. Campbell,
Rev. George M. Grant,
Rev. W. Maxwell.

Before the close of the proceedings, the President, at the solicitation of many members that he would deliver an oration on the Centenary, expressed himself most happy to give them his inspiration of the hour on that occasion. About twenty gentlemen were proposed as candidates for membership by members present.

At the February meeting, which was numerously attended, the following gentlemen, proposed at last quarterly and special meetings, were, on motion and decision of the meeting, elected unanimously by acclamation ordinary members:

Donald G. Keith,	Donald Keith,
Hon. Robt. Robertson,	Sanford Fleming,
Charles Sinclair,	James McEwan,
W. O. Adams,	W. H. Bauld,
Alex. Sutherland,	Alex. W. McLeod,
Peter Grant,	Prof. Lawson,
Wm. McKerron,	Alexander Moir,
Wm. Montgomery,	George Taylor,
John McLachlin,	Charles Taylor,

John B. Young, Joseph D. McNab,
John McKenzie, David King,
John McNab,

And Robert Forman was elected an honorary member on motion from the chair, by acclamation.

The Treasurer presented a most satisfactory report of disbursements made during last quarter; after which James Forman, as Chairman of Bursary Committee, reported as follows:

"That at a full meeting of the Committee appointed at last meeting, they had unanimously decided to submit the following report:"

"That the sum of sixty dollars be appropriated annually from the funds of the North British Society for a Scholarship in connection with Dalhousie College, as a permanent commemoration of the Centenary of the Society, subject to the following conditions:

"1st. That the holder of it be a person eligible to be a member of the Society."

"2nd. That the Scholarship be held during the third or fourth year of his undergraduate course."

"3rd. That it be competed for at the end of his second year course, and that the first competition take place at the end of the present session, and that the examiners be always appointed by the Senate."

"4th. The money to be paid on the certificate from the Principal of Dalhousie College."

"5th. Any year when no competitor has presented himself, the money for that year to remain in the hands of the Society, but the Scholarship to

be again open for competition on the following year, subject to the foregoing resolutions."

(Signed) James Forman,
John Doull,
John Taylor,
W. Maxwell,
G. M. Grant,
J. B. Campbell,
J. J. Bremner.

After a long and animated discussion upon the above important resolution, it was finally put from the Chair, and the Report adopted by an overwhelming majority. A committee appointed at last meeting to examine and report upon the Historical Record prepared by Jas. S. MacDonald, gave in their Report, recommending the publishing of the same at the expense of the Society, which was unanimously approved of.

It was also decided to celebrate the Centenary as follows:—

A procession of the Society, in which all Scotchmen of the city should be invited to join,—an Oration at Temperance Hall by His Honor the Chief Justice, (he having consented to deliver the same,)—and a Grand Ball to be held in the evening. This, with the founding of the Bursary Fund, was considered the most suitable manner of marking the event; but considerable difference of opinion having been expressed upon the question of a Ball and Dinner, led to the calling of a special meeting on February 24th, when it was decided by a large

majority to hold a dinner on the evening of the Centenary. This having been decided, all went vigorously to work to make a creditable celebration. Different committees were drafted to carry out the decision of the Society, and when the 26th March arrived, everything was in order.

THE CENTENARY.

The day was a most beautiful one, a clear sky, (and a most rare occurrence for a day so early in the season,) good walking.

At half-past four o'clock the members joined by the recently resuscitated Highland Society, the Scottish Volunteers, and Scotchmen of the city, numbering about 400, started from the Granville street side of the Province Building, and marched in procession to the Temperance Hall. The cortege was one of the finest ever witnessed in this city, the handsome banners of the two societies, the gay and striking costume of the Highlanders, together with the fine Volunteer band, and the Pipers of the society, formed a striking scene of costume, respectability and numbers, not to be forgotten by the thousands who lined the route of the Procession. About half-past one the doors of Temperance Hall were thrown open for the admission of ladies. Long before, had the avenues leading to the building been filled by an anxious and expectant throng of Nova Scotia's fairest daughters, and when at last admission was afforded, the rush as might be ex-

pected, was overwhelming. At two o'clock the tide abated, and when at last the ladies to whom tickets had been issued were all accomodated with seats, the galleries were filled with hundreds of as blooming cheeks, flashing eyes, and merry hearts, as could have been found under any roof in the wide circle of our beloved Queen's dominion. The procession arrived at a quarter to three, when the Hall was at once completely filled. As the procession moved up the aisle, the band played a Scottish air; the members and supporters of the standards ranged themselves on the platform around which were chairs for the invited guests, among whom were the heads of Departments, the Judges, and the leading citizens in public positions in the city; on the platform were the office-bearers and older members of the society. James Forman, the Vice President, took the chair and introduced the President, the Hon. Chief Justice Young, the Orator of the day. His Lordship then rose, and in his genial, happy, and impressive manner, delivered the following oration, which may well be ranked among his finest efforts, and which it must be remembered was not a formal written paper, but an abandonment to the inspiration of the hour.

THE ORATION.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

One hundred years ago, on the 26th of March, 1768, nineteen years after the settlement of Halifax, a small band of Scotchmen, animated by the strong national feeling which characterizes the race,

formed themselves into the North British Society. The house or room in which they assembled still remains at the corner of Salter and Granville Streets, and will be reverenced by all true Scotchmen as a relic of antiquity. On the same day, the same individuals, or nearly the same, formed themselves into the St. Andrew's Lodge, who are celebrating this Centenary in conjunction with ourselves. The mystic tie of Freemasonry, and the full volume of Scottish feeling, have thus moved along for a Century in co-temporaneous streams, and now I have the pleasure of seeing beside me—with that wonderful faculty which Scotchmen everywhere display in rising to the top—my worthy and honorable friend, Mr. Alexander Keith, arrayed as Chief of the Highland Society, and District Grand Master of the Masonic Body. (Cheers.) The records of the Society during the Century have been preserved intact, and one of our enthusiastic Secretaries, has prepared full selections from them, which it is intended to publish, and from which I shall extract a few interesting particulars. We have just had a splendid procession, unprecedented, perhaps, in the City of Halifax. We have been in the habit of seeing processions of national societies every year, and I could not but admire the other day, the procession of St. Patrick's Society, with its banners streaming in the wind, and its long and enthusiastic line. Next month we will, no doubt, see St. George's Society turn out in honor of its Patron Saint, with their splendid boquets and their gentlemanly air. But, after all,

it must be confessed, I think, that we have the advantage of them. They want something which we possess. They want the broad sword and the dirk, the picturesque and martial costume, the garb of old Gaul—(applause)—which attracts with a national instinct every man who has Scottish blood running in his veins, and captivates every woman whether she has Scottish blood in her veins or no. (Loud applause.) And now my part in the proceedings has come. My countrymen, with a partiality and kindness which, during a long political and professional career, have never failed me,—have unanimously elected me for the second time their President, that I might deliver this oration and preside at the banquet in the evening. But when I look around me at this vast assemblage, and see the array of talent, with so many minds of higher cultivation than my own, I feel but too keenly, that I will be unable to meet their expectatations. And what am I to say, when I raise my eyes to the heaven above me, where there are assembled so many of the choicest ornaments of our hearts and homes? I can only hope that they will rain down upon us their sweetest influence—a subtle and mysterious essence, which will lend to every thought as it arises, a warmer glow, a softer and a tenderer hue. (Applause.) I find from our record that processions have not been much the fashion with our Society. There was one in 1792, when they marched in a body to the old St. Matthew's Church, then the only Presbyterian Church, I presume, in Halifax, and listened to a

sermon from Dr. Andrew Brown in honor of St. Andrew. This goodly custom does not appear to have been repeated. It may be that the Rev. gentleman did not eulogise the Saint enough, or appeal with sufficient fervour to Scottish feeling. That fault would no longer be found, for if we revive the custom, as perhaps we ought, there will be no difficulty in eliciting from the pulpits we now have, a specimen of Presbyterian eloquence that will thrill us to the core. (Cheers.) It would not be, depend on't, like the sermon Dean Ramsay speaks of, "a lang grace and nae meet." Then I find there was a grand procession in honor of the five hundredth anniversary of the battle of Bannockburn—that immortal victory which secured the independence, and raised to the highest pitch the martial glory of Scotland. (Cheers.) There is one other procession which I must not altogether omit. It took place in the year 1841, in honor of the birth of the Prince of Wales, and there I find that a little difficulty arose. The claim of the Society, it seems, to precedence in virtue of its seniority, was disputed, and then the Scottish blood was up. The Society assembled and passed spirited resolutions in assertion of their right. We all know that the Scotchman, whether Highlander or Lowlander, is one of the best natured fellows in the world, provided you do not tread on his corns. But if you do, then comes the national motto, "*Nemo me impune lacessit,*" or its free translation, 'Wha daur meddle wi me." Chambers gives us a characteristic anecdote of this spirit-stirring border

air. Leyden, the impulsive, enthusiastic orientalist and poet, was stretched on a bed of sickness in India at the time the first Bonaparte was threatening invasion, when he was told that the Teviot-dale men marched into Jedburgh playing this national air, which so transported him with delight that he forgot all his ailments, and sprang out of bed, shouting, "Wha daur meddle wi me?" "Wha daur meddle wi' me?" In the sam spirit our Society were determined to carry their point. I had forgotten this passage at arms altogether; but I find that I was on the committee that prepared the address, and my late brother George moved the resolutions, and that between us we carried the Society triumphantly through. Lastly I must not forget the great procession of 1859, when, in common with all the world, we did our best to celebrate the Centenary of Burns. On our records, too, there appear many jovial re-unions and some splendid banquets, especially one given in 1794 to His Royal Highness the Duke of Kent. Old Mr. Grassie on that occasion sang with great *eclat* a song composed for the occasion, which, it is duly recorded, the Duke vehemently encored. The New York papers of the day declared this to be the finest entertainment ever given in the Provinces, and the reporter must have surpassed himself, for with a flight of eloquence which no modern editor could rival, he tells us that the company enjoyed themselves to their utmost bent, and did not separate "until the horses of the sun were spurring with their glittering harness up the eastern hori-

zon." But His Royal Highness might have more truly exulted, could he have foreseen that seventy-four years after that day, an audience animated with true British feeling would have assembled in this place, with his daughter upon the throne, Queen equally of our affections and allegiance, at the head of the most powerful, the most extended, and the most glorious Empire that the world has ever seen. (Loud cheers.)

And now I must pay a passing tribute to some of the eminent men who appear upon our annals. Among our honorary members, or the contributors to our funds, are the Earl of Selkirk, the Earl of Ellesmere, and the Earl of Dalhousie, a name to be ever held in affectionate remembrance in Nova Scotia. Then comes the honored name of Sir Colin Campbell, our Lieut.-Governor at the time, when the new principles of Government were first developed in the Provinces. I differed with him in politics, but he always honored me with his personal confidence and friendship. He was a manly, true-hearted Scotchman, and the Society did itself honour by the steadiness and enthusiasm with which they sustained him. Then comes a crowd of Generals and Admirals, General Ogilvie in 1788, Admirals Murray, Mitchell, Douglas, Adam, and in more recent days, Sir John D. Hay, now at the Board of Admiralty, Sir Houston Stewart, equally great as sailor, dancer, and curler, Sir Alexander Milne, now the first sea lord, and who has still a warm heart for all Nova Scotians; and lastly Sir James Hope, the very soul of courage and of

honour. In my own profession, among the past Presidents, I find Chief Justice Sir Thomas Strange, of whom an anecdote is recorded, illustrative of his strict integrity, and of the delicacy of the judicial conscience. He left us in 1797 on his appointment as Recorder of Bombay, and on his passage out, having convinced himself that he had unconsciously done injustice in one of his decisions, he wrote to a friend here, declaring his conviction, and enclosing a draft for the amount which the party had wrongfully paid—a bright example, which all judges should take to heart. Then we had my immediate predecessor, Chief Justice Sir Brenton Halliburton, whose eloquent words at Burns's Centenary, all of us remember, whose loss we all of us deplore. We had another Chief Justice too, of a neighbouring colony it is true, but Master of the Rolls in our own, S. G. W. Archibald, whose polished wit and powers of infinite persuasion were never equalled at our own, and rarely at the English Bar. With these names before me I cannot but feel that however unworthy in myself, I am at least the successor to a brilliant line. On our list of Presidents there are many highly respected names, several of them unknown to the younger but familiar to the older members. There are the names of Mr. Brymer, Deputy Paymaster General, Mr. John Black and Mr. Forsyth, of the great house of Black, Forsyth & Co., the Hon. Michael Wallace, who was twice President, and whom every Scotchman in the Province looked up to as a friend —the Hon. James Stewart whom I regarded as my

own professional father, the Hon. Jas. Fraser, Mr. McNab, Mr. Grassie. Mr. Forman, the father of our Vice President,—and who was there that did not love the kind-hearted genial old man? My own father, whom all the world accounted an orator and a scholar, while he preferred to both the title of the "Farmer's Friend." My brother George, who toiled too incessantly for his health and peace of mind, devoted months and years of unrequited and gratuitous labour to the Intercolonial Railway, which seems, by some strange fatality, as if it were again to elude our grasp, and sacrificed his life for the public good—Mr. William Murdoch, whose splendid legacies for public-spirited and charitable objects will ever make his name revered in Halifax—my old friends, the Williamsons, Mr. Esson, Mr. Gray, Mr. MacKinlay, whom we have so recently lost, and who left not an enemy behind him. I speak only of the dead, the living I leave for some future orator.

With names like these, it must be confessed, I think the Society has a splendid record. Its members in all, during the Century, have amounted to about 1000 in number. The management of our funds, too, may afford some useful lessons. I find shortly after its formation that the money on hand came to £101 17s. 7d., but our worthy predecessors didn't spend this in a dinner or ball. Scotchmen-like, they set aside the £1 17s. 7d. for use, and invested the £100 at 6 per cent., where it remains to this day, having yielded four times its amount by interest, which we have expended in charity.

By and by I find the funds had risen to £550, and now, with Mr. Murdoch's legacy of £1000, we have £1800 in all, and don't owe a shilling in the world. (Cheers.) Not that we have been niggardly, either. We gave a sum towards the first Presbyterian Manse—contributed £100 toward the Waterloo fund—and have founded in honor of this day a Scholarship in Dalhousie College, which may bring forth and polish some gifted mind that will shed lustre on the institution, and bless the day on which this Centenary was celebrated.

So much for the records of our Society. You will perceive that I have treated them in an easy, colloquial vein, having thought that for a celebration of this kind the Society didn't expect a dull and prosaic lecture, nor an elaborate oration to be committed to memory, with brilliant passages, perhaps, which I couldn't repeat if I tried it, and no one would care for if I did. What I mean to give you is a Nova Scotian and Scottish speech, drawing its inspiration from the hour, wanting, it may be, the elegance and polish of written composition, but with something of the vivacity and life of an extemporaneous address, founded on Scottish history and tinged with the Scottish muse. (Applause.) I shall dwell therefore only for a moment on the extraordinary character of the century we are surveying. It began eight years after the accession of George the Third, in 1760. The capture of Quebec, with the memorable death of the gallant Wolfe, occurred in 1859. This was the first origin of British power on the North American Continent

which is destined, I trust, long and gloriously to endure. Eight years after, in 1776, came the declaration of American Independence, when it was supposed that the mother country had received a mortal blow; but the hopes of her enemies and the fears of her friends were alike disappointed, for she sprang forward with a new impulse, and to this hour is advancing in reputation and in power. (Applause.) Within this period, too, was the memorable rising of the masses against the abuses of power and the oppressions of the privileged classes in France—the wonderful succession of startling events which have from time to time convulsed the continent of Europe—the consolidation of Italy, and the rapid, and I trust the steady and healthy progress of popular rights. The discoveries in science and the arts have illustrated the period far beyond any that has preceded it. Railways, telegraphs, steamships, are only a part of its magnificent creations. Our knowledge, too, of the earth which we inhabit, has been wonderfully extended; its beginning was marked by Captain Cook's first discoveries in the South Seas; the unknown regions of Africa have been penetrated and the sources of the Nile explored,—Australia has been traversed from sea to sea, and the fact of the North West Passage demonstrated by the adventurous McClintock. "The North West Passage by land," has lately attracted the enterprise and spirit of two Englishmen of intellect and rank, of whose book this is the title. Lord Milton, son of the Earl of Fitzwilliam, and his friend Doctor Cheadle, a graduate of Cam-

bridge, descended the Red River to Fort Garry, thence travelling westward, crossed the Rocky Mountains by one of the northern passes, descended the Thomson River amidst a thousand privations, reached Esquimalt harbor in Vancouver, and from thence ascended the Fraser to Carriboo—the whole journey and the spirit in which its fatigues were undergone and its adventures are recorded, producing a most charming work, which I strongly recommend to the elder as well as the younger part of my audience. I will embrace the opportunity, too, of recommending to them two other books of modern travel, Vambery's Central Asia, and Pulgrave's Arabia, both to be had in our bookstores, and which far surpass in romance, in variety of incident, and in beauty of writing, the sensational novels of the present day, which load, and I am sorry to add, which too often defile as well as load the pages of the magazines and the shelves of our circulating libraries. (Applause.)

Let us now turn, for a while, to a few of the leading incidents in Scottish history, which illustrate the early condition of the country. Strange misapprehensions have been entertained even by Scotchmen upon this point, of which it is time to disabuse them. It has been supposed that Scotland some centuries ago was a semi-barbarous and savage country, far inferior to its Southern neighbor and rival. But the ancient chronicles, when we consult them, give us a very different impression. In the middle of the twelfth century, seven hundred years ago, when Henry the Second banished the Flemings

from his dominions, they took refuge in great numbers in the northern Kingdom, as the safer and more civilised of the two. The middle of the thirteenth century, in the reign of Alexander the Third, was distinguished by the arrival of the Lombard merchants, to establish settlements in Scotland—an event, says Tytler, which of itself speaks a high degree of mercantile wealth and opulence. In the year 1249 one of the most powerful of the French Barons, who accompanied Louis the Ninth on a crusade, had a ship which was to bear him and his vassals to the Holy Land built for him at Inverness,—so high a reputation had the Scottish ship carpenters acquired at that early period even in foreign countries. Her exports in the fourteenth century were of large amount. In the reign of David the Second she had seventeen royal boroughs, including Perth, Roxburgh, Stirling and Aberdeen; and Berwick, her principal port, is described as a great mart of foreign commerce, inasmuch as its customs under Alexander the Third amounted to one-fourth of the whole customs of England. These facts sufficiently attest her commercial independence and rising wealth at that remote era, which was succeeded, however, by a long period of depression—the protracted and desperate contest which she waged with England for her political life and independence—the struggle in which Bruce and Wallace and her other heroes acquired a deathless renown—the tragical events which marked the reigns of the Stuarts, left the country impoverished but unsubdued. Mr. Free-

man, in his late work, the history of the Roman Conquest, has shown, indeed, that the southern portions of the Kingdom—the ancient Strath,—Clyde, Berwickshire, and the Lothians—yielded to the superior force and acknowledged the supremacy of England; but Scotland north of the Forth and the Clyde, and still more, Scotland north of the Tay, has never been conquered—such at least is the proud and undying conviction of her patriots and poets.

Now it is part of my purpose to illustrate these short sketches of Scottish history by a few choice pieces from our native poets, and I shall introduce two or three of them here. The first I shall take from Robert Ferguson; and as I read it, I must confess I feel some compassion for my English hearers, to whom much of it will sound like Greek, and who are unable to relish and apprehend its Doric flow:—

THE FARMER'S INGLE

Weel kens the guidwife that the pleughs require
  A heartsome meltieth, and refreshing synd
O' happy liquor owre a bleezing fire;
  Sair work and poortith downa weel be join'd.
Wi' butter'd bannocks now the girdle reeks;
  I' the far nook the bowie briskly reams;
The readied kail stands by the chimley cheeks,
  And hawds the riggin het wi' welcome steams,
Whilk than the daintiest kitchen nicer seems.

On sicken food has many a doughty deed,
  By Caledonia's ancestors been done;
By this did mony a wight fu' weirlike bleed,
  In brulzies frae the dawn to set o' sun.

Twas this that braced their gardies stiff and strang
That bent the deadly yew in ancient days,
Laid Denmark's daring sons on yird alang,
Gar'd Scottish thristles bang the Roman bays,
For near our coast their heads they doughtna raise.

My next is from Hogg, the Ettrick Shepherd.

CALEDONIA.

Caledonia! thou land of the mountain and rock,
Of the ocean, the mist and the wind;
Thou land of the torrent, the pine and the oak,
Of the roebuck, the hart and the hind;
Though bare are thy cliffs and though barren thy glens,
Though bleak thy dun islands appear,
Yet kind are the hearts, and undaunted the clans,
That roam on these mountains so drear.

A foe from abroad, or a tyrant at home,
Could never thy ardour restrain;
The marshall'd array of Imperial Rome,
Essay'd thy proud spirit in vain!
Firm seat of religion, of valour, of truth,
Of genius unshackled and free;
The muses have left all the vales of the south,
My loved Caledonia for thee.

Sweet land of the bay and the wild winding deep,
Where loveliness slumbers at even,
While far in the depth of the blue water sleeps
A calm little motionless heaven!
Thou land of the valley, the moor and the hill,
Of the storm and the proud rolling wave;
Yes, thou art the land of fair liberty still,
And the land of my forefather's grave.

One other piece I give you from the same gifted poet:—

THE FLOWERS OF SCOTLAND.

What are the flowers of Scotland,
  All others that excel?
The lovely flowers of Scotland
  All others that excel!
The thistle's purple bonnet
  And bonny heather bell,
O! they're the flowers of Scotland,
  All others that excel!

Up wi' the flowers of Scotland,
  The emblems o' the free;
Their guardians for a thousand years,
  Their guardians still we'll be.
A foe had better brave the deil,
  Within his reeky cell;
Than our thistle's purple bonnet,
  Or bonny heather bell.

And now we will revert to matters of a more prosaic but not less interesting kind. You will recollect that James the Sixth, of Scotland, mounted the British Throne in 1603, when the Crowns of England and Scotland were first united, but that the treaty of union between the two kingdoms dates from the year 1706. What was the condition of Scotland at this period? No goods could be landed from the American plantations in any part of Scotland, unless they had been first landed and paid duty in England, nor even in that case unless in an English ship. On the other hand English woolens were prohibited to be imported into Scotland, and the two Parliaments mutually pursued the short-sighted and suicidal policy which was then thought to be the perfection of wisdom. A great modern philosopher has asked

whether any greater folly is to be found in the history of legislation,—how it was possible for intelligent men so to mistake their true interests? But for my part I am not so much astonished, as in the course of my career I have often heard precisely the same doctrines advanced as the true policy of our own Province in its intercourse with its sister Provinces,—an isolation not within the narrow and contracted limits of the British Isles, but in this more extended and glorious sphere of ours in British America, of which Nova Scotia is destined, oppose it who may, to be the ornament and pride.

And what was the effect of this narrow legislation? The whole western coast, shut out from the only foreign commerce that was open to it, was languishing in poverty and neglect. The Clyde, on whose banks such marvels have since been wrought, which subdued the prejudices even of Cobbett, and draws forth the admiration of every stranger, was an inconsiderable stream, having nothing to recommend it but its exquisite rural beauty and its historic fame. There was Bothwell Brig, and the black and yawning gulf which Scott has immortalized,—but that was all. Its forest of shipping lying at the Broomielaw, and bringing their treasures from every corner of the earth,—its princely steamers, living evidences of the genius and skill of her mechanics, and whose stately pace upon the waters of our harbour, not less magnificent than themselves, we have so often gazed at and admired, were then all unknown and unforeseen. But the

first blow had been struck. There were no longer mere rhetorical flights in the houses of Parliament, or theoretic aspirations among political dreamers,—the logic of facts was to be tested—there was the magic of Union.

And how did it work? Let the public records and the history of the period speak. In 1707, on the passage of the Union Act, the people of Greenock assessed themselves for the construction of a harbor,—by the year 1710 the whole of the works were completed. A pier and capacious harbor were erected, and Greenock was suddenly raised from insignificance to take an important part in the trade of the Atlantic. In 1719 she dispatched her first ship to America, and the wealth of the place increased so rapidly that according to Sir John Sinclair the harbor debt was paid off in 1740, and the foundation laid of her municipal fund. The first vessel which crossed the Atlantic from Glasgow, was in the year 1719. This magnificent city, now the second in the Empire, at that time displayed but little of her present greatness, and offered a singular contrast to the foundries and ship-yards of the Napiers and the Aitkins, where a single establishment, which I inspected last year, employed 2500, and had employed as many as 4000 men. The only Scottish manufacture of any account, previous to the Union Act, was that of linen, and it was met of course by a prohibitory duty in England. In ten years after the union, the exportation of it had doubled. Paisley, originally a priory, then an abbey of Black Monks, takes its rise from 1725,—it

is now, as we know, a vast emporium of industry and crowded by an active population. The linen manufacture penetrated to Kilmarnock in 1744, to Inverary in 1748, to Fife in 1760. The first County Banks were established at Aberdeen and Glasgow in 1749; in 1768 the canal connecting the Forth and Clyde, on the banks of which I was born, was begun, and in 1790 it was completed. It is highly interesting to Scotchmen to mark these steps in the magnificent progress which our country has made, and it is of the deepest moment to Nova Scotians to apprehend the cause from whence it sprung. I have often visited the United States, and noted with an observant eye the evidence of their astonishing advance. In 1815 I spent a summer in the City of New York when its population was little more than 100,000, and the City of Brooklyn was an inconsiderable village. The three millions of people in the original thirteen States, have swollen in less than a century to thirty-five millions, or as the *Tribune* contends, to thirty-eight. Does this wonderful progress spring from the freedom of their institutions, or the universal education of their people? These have done much, but one leading and operative cause, I am pursuaded, has been the free and unrestricted intercourse between the members of that vast Confederacy—the practical establishment and recognition of the principles of free trade, even when these principles were theoretically disowned, a homage paid almost unconsciously to their truth. The same principles came into full play in England and Scotland, as a consequence of

the union, and were attended with the like results.

Sometimes it is true, there has been some little jarring. We all of us recollect the celebrated letters of Malachi Malagrowther, in which the pungent and witty pen of Sir Walter Scott defended the banking system of his country; prefacing them with the rather ominous motto,—

> **"When the pipes begin to play,**
> **Tutti taittie to the Drum,**
> **Out with claymore and down with gun,**
> **And to the rogues again?"**

For which upon second thoughts he substituted a more pacific one taken from Mason,—

> **"Sister, to thee no ruder spell**
> **Will Scotia use, than those that dwell**
> **In soft persuasive notes, that lie**
> **Twined with the links of harmony;"**

Lines which I strongly recommend to our own approval, substituting only the mother for the sister.

It will be expected that something should now be said of the literature of Scotland. Trade, manufactures and shipping are admirable things, but the true glory of a country lies in its cultivated minds—a glory of which Scotland has been always emulous, though she was late in entering the field. It has been said that up to the eighteenth century, but two or three Scotchmen deserved to be ranked among the literary or scientific benefactors of the world. George Buchanan, famed for the elegance of his latinity, has the merit of having first clearly defined the relations that ought to exist between Governors and the governed, and placed popular

rights on a rational and solid basis. Napier of Merchiston, the inventor of logarithms, was a profound mathematical genius—he belonged to a race of heroes. Burnet is a well known name. Two of the earlier poets also deserve commemoration. Thomas the Rhymer, in the thirteenth century, whose tower at Earlstown is still standing, produced the poem of Sir Tristam, which attained high celebrity in Europe. It was edited by Sir Water Scott, and is said to contain many fine touches of nature and many interesting pictures of ancient manners. The father of his hero he describes "stalwart, wise and wight," but the dialect in which it was written is too obscure to be relished by modern scholars. He is still a favorite, and his prophecies enjoy a high reputation among the Scottish peasantry. One of these has reference to a family of the name of Haig, who had inherited the same property from the time of William the Lion, and ran thus:—

Tide, tide, what e'er betide
Theer'll be a Haig at Bemerside.

For eighteen generations the inheritance was unbroken, and during the long period of 700 years every Haig had the good fortune or good sense to produce a son to succeed him. The nineteenth Haig married in due season with the same laudable and pious object; but lo! and behold, he had twelve daughters in succession, which, with all our regard for the fair sex, was, it must be confessed, rather too much of a good thing. (A laugh.) The popular faith in Thomas the Rymer began to wane,

when lo! there was a son, and the prophet was restored to his ancient good name. In the 14th century, Barbour, the metrical historian of Robert Bruce, produced his spirited and graphic poem,—remarkable for the strength and purity of its language, its noble sentiments and the richness of its imagery.

The 17th century, while it was a blank in Scotland, was the golden age of English literature. Spenser belongs more properly to the 16th, and was greatly admired in his own day, though now he has almost become obsolete. But the great names of Milton and Shakspeare in poetry, of Bacon and Newton in philosophy, belong to the 17th, and shed upon the English name a lustre that will never die. There is no name in the literature of France during that period that can compare with these; and German literature, which has since attained to such eminence, was then scarcely born. Newton possessed the rarest and most transcendant genius that God ever gave to man, and the fame of Shakspeare is green as ever, and will last as long as human nature itself. Poets of the highest order, and prose writers like Bacon, with infinite wealth of fancy, and powers of original expression, ennoble and enrich a language; and one is astonished on reading Paradise Lost, the dramas of Shakspeare, and the essays of Bacon, to find how many of the phrases first struck out by the genius of these men have passed into familiar use.

It was not till about the middle of the eighteenth century that the mind of Scotland was thoroughly

awakened, when all at once a new and splendid literature arose. Robertson takes rank among our finest historians. There is no more beautiful piece of writing in our language than his description of the voyage of Columbus—it is far superior, I think, both in simplicity and beauty, to that of Washington Irving. Hume can scarcely be excelled as a master of English composition. His history is an exquisite work of art; and although his sympathy with the Stuarts was too strongly marked, and would scarce allow him to do justice to the Pyms, the Hampdens, and the Cromwells, it is impossible to read his work without admiration and delight. But a greater than either of these two remains. In the little village of Kircaldy, in Fife, the most profound thinker that Scotland ever produced, spent ten years of his life maturing his great work—having withdrawn from the society of his literary friends at Edinburgh, who had no conception of the task to which he had devoted himself. At the expiration of that time, Adam Smith produced his "Wealth of Nations"—a work which has done more to reform and revolutionize the opinions of mankind and the actions of governments, than any that preceded or followed it. I was present the other night at the meeting of the "Young Men's Early Closing Association"—a movement of which I highly approve—and was delighted to hear the resolutions which some of them then expressed — to dedicate the time which the generosity and kindness of their employers had assigned them, to the improvement of their minds. They are mostly

engaged in commercial pursuits; many of them, I doubt not, will rise to leading positions in this community; and it is of great consequence that they should acquire accurate ideas of the philosophy as well as the practice of trade. Let me strongly recommend to these and to other young men, the study of Smith's Wealth of Nations, not superficially, but with the fixed purpose to understand it, and with pen in hand. They will permit me perhaps to cite my own example. I read the work in that spirit upwards of fifty years ago, and the copious notes I then took have served me a hundred times since in good stead, both in the Assembly and at the Bar.

In the notes I have before me, I intended to have said something of the writers of this period in the science of mind—Hutcheson, Reid, and Dugald Stewart—but I find that time will not permit me, and I must pass for a little while to the poets, and delight you with a few extracts from Ramsay and the "Ettrick Shepherd." Burns I treated at large on a former occasion.

I know no pastoral poem in the English language of equal merit to the "Gentle Shepherd" of Ramsay. It is far superior to the "Pastoral Ballad" of Shenstone, of which Dr. Johnston, in his "Lives of the Poets," sarcastically says that "an intelligent reader, acquainted with the real scenes of life, sickens at the mention of the crook, the pipe, the sheep and the kids," which figure so largely in that production. But Ramsay painted life as it is; and the Scottish dialect in which he wrote, which was

no vulgar *patois*, but the language of polite life as well as of the shepherds, runs with a mellifluous flow. Mark the following extract, where one of his shepherds gives his comrade an instructive lesson in the management of the fair sex :—

PAT. Daft gowk ! leave off that silly whinging way,
Seem careless ; there's my hand, ye'll win the day.
Hear how I served my lass, I loe as weel
As ye do Jenny, and with heart as leel ;
Last morning I was gay and early out.
Upon a dike I leaned, glowrin' about ;
I saw my Meg come linkin' o'er the lee ;
I saw my Meg, but Meggy saw nae me ;
And yet the sun was wading through the mist
And she was close upon me ere she wist.
Her coats were kiltit and did sweetly shaw
Her straight bare limbs that whiter were than snaw,
Her cockerony snooded up fu sleek,
Her haffet locks hang waving on her cheek ;
Her cheek sae ruddy and her een sae clear,
And oh ! her mouth's like ony hinny pear ;
Neat, neat she was in bustine waistcoat clean,
As she came skiffing o'er the dewy green.
Blythsome, I cried : "My bonny Meg come here,
I ferly wherefore ye're sae soon asteer ;
But I can guess ye're gawn to gather dew."
She scoured awa and said, "What's that to you ?"
"Then fare ye weel, Meg, dorts and e'ens ye like,"
I careless cried, and lap in o'er the dike.
I trow when that she saw, within a crack
She came with a right thieveless errand back ;
Misca'd me first, then bad me hound my dog
To wear up three waff ewes strayed on the bog.
I leugh and sae did she ; then with great haste
I clasped my arms about her neck and waist,
About her yielding waist. * * * *

Dear Roger, when your Joe puts on her gloom
Do ye sae too, and never fash your thumb;
Seem to forsake her, soon she'll change her mood
Gae woo anither and she'll gang clear wud.

Let us contrast with this a conference between the two Mistresses, winding up with a charming picture of rural life:

PEG—Nae mair of that—dear Jenny to be free,
There's some men constanter in love than we;
Nor is the ferly great, when nature kind,
Has blest them with solidity of mind;
They'll reason calmly, and with kindness smile,
When our short passions wad our peace beguile.
Sae whenso'er they slight their maiks at hame,
'Tis ten to one the wives are maist to blame;
Then I'll employ with pleasure a' my art
To keep him cheerfu' and secure his heart.
At e'en when he comes weary frae the hill,
I'll ha'e a' things made ready to his will;
In winter when he toils through wind and rain,
A bleezing ingle and a clean hearth stane;
And soon as he flings by his plaid and staff,
The seething pots be ready to take aff,
Clean hag-a-bag I'll spread upon his board,
And serve him with the best we can afford.
Good humour and white bizonets shall be
Guards to my face, to keep his love for me.

JEN.—A dish of married love right soon grows cauld
And dosens down to nane as fouk grow auld.

PEG.—But we'll grow and together auld ne'er find
The loss of youth, when love grows on the mind
Bairns and their bairns make sure a firmer tie
Than aught in love the like of us can spy.
See yon twa elms that grow up side by side—
Suppose them some years syne bridegroom and bride,

Nearer and nearer ilka year they've prest,
Till wide their spreading branches are increassd,
And in their mixture now are fully blest.
This shields the other frae the eastlin blast,
That in return defends it frae the west;
Sic as stand single (a state sae liked by you)
Beneath ilk storm, frae every airt maun bow.

Lastly, I will give you a song which has always been popular in Scotland :—

Jocky said to Jenny, Jenny, wilt thou do't?
Ne'er a fit, quo' Jenny, for my tocher good,
For my tocher good I winna marry thee.
E'en's ye like, quo' Jocky, I can let you be.

Mause. Weel tiltit, Bauldy, that's a dainty sang.
Bauldy. I'se gie ye'd a', its better than its lang.

I hae gowd and gear, I hae land eneugh,
I hae sax good owsen ganging in a pleugh;
Ganging in a pleugh, and linkin o'er the lee,
And gin ye winna tak me I can let you be.

I hae a good ha-house, a barn and a byre;
A peat stack 'fore the door will make a rantin' fire,
Will make a rantin' fire, and merry we shall be,
And gin ye winna tak me I can let you be.

Jenny said to Jocky, gin ye winna tell,
Ye shall be the lad, I'll be the lass mysell—
Ye're a bonny lad, and I'm a lassie free,
Ye're welcomer to tak me than to let me be.

I have three or four extracts from the poems of Hogg, but I find I must here content myself with only one, entitled, "The Women Fo'k":—

THE WOMEN FO'K.

O sairly may I rue the day,
  I fancied first the woman kind
For aye sinsyne I ne'er can hae
  Ae quiet thought or peace o' mind!
They hae plagued my heart an' pleased my ee
  An' teased an' flattered me at will,
But aye, for a' their witchireie
  The pawky things I lo'e them still.
    O the women fo'k! the women fo'k
      But they hae been the wreck o' me,
    O weary fa' the women fo'k,
      For they winna let a body be.

I hae thought an' thought but darena tell,
  I've studied them with a' my skill,
I've lo'd them better than mysell
  I've tried again to like them ill.
Wha sairest strives will sairest rue
  To comprehend what nae man can;
When he has done what man can do,
  He'll end at last where he began.
    O' the women fo'k! the women fo'k,
      But they hae been the wreck o' me,
    O weary fa' the women fo'k,
      For they winna let a body be!

That they hae gentle forms an' meet,
  A man wi' half a look may see;
An' gracefu' airs an' faces sweet,
  An' wavin' curls aboon the bree;
An' smiles as soft as the young rose bud,
  An' een sae pawky bright an' rare,
Wad lure the laverock frae the cludd,
  But laddie, seek to ken nae mair.
    O the women fo'k! the women fo'k,
      But they hae been the wreck o' me,
    O weary fa' the women fo'k,
      For they winna let a body be!

And now I must draw to a close. I have already spoken of the rapid progress which the Scotch have made as a people in the Century we are surveying. My friend Professor Leone Levi, in a report recently made to the British Association at Dundee, remarks that for the fifty years ending in 1865, the amount charged in England for income tax rose 128 per cent.—that is, the taxable income of England had more than doubled in that period,—while in Scotland it rose, in the same period, to 153 per cent. Scotland, at this moment, pays a larger proportion of the revenue than at any former period of her history. It was stated in the recent debates in Parliament, that while at the time of the Union Scotland paid only one fortieth of the revenue of the United Kingdom, now she pays one fifth. Her population at the time of the Union was less than one million—at the beginning of the present Century it had risen to one million six hundred thousand—it is now upwards of three millions. In other words, it has doubled within the last sixty years,—an advance of which there is no parallel in any of the old European Kingdoms, except in England herself—whose population in the same period has risen from nine millions and a half to twenty millions.

It is singular to contrast the progress of other countries holding something of the same position. In 1857 I spent some days in Sweden, and traversed the country by the great canal from Gottenburg to Stockholm, and thence to Upsala, where I visited the University and formed the acquaintance of some

of her learned men. Sweden is a Protestant country, with a population of three and a half millions, mostly Lutheran. Education is widely diffused. She has a free Parliament, consisting of four Houses when I saw them, now reduced to two. In the course of her history she has done great things. So early as the 14th Century she abolished the sale of slaves, and she has produced many heroic souls; but in literature and science few eminent names are to be found in her annals. Puffendorf, Tychobrahe and Linnaeus almost exhaust the list. Switzerland, again, with which I am familiar, with a mixed population of two and a half millions and one-seventh of her population at her public schools—an independant Confederacy, with the rare distinction that she has no public debt—labors under the disadvantage of having no literary language of her own; and her great writers, DeStael, Rousseau, Dumont, Sismondi, Lavater and Ewler, rank under the French or the German schools. How different is it with Scotland! I have spoken of the four or five great names that illustrate the 17th Century in England. We have four great names, not so eminent indeed as the English, but scarcely to be surpassed elsewhere—that illustrate the 18th in Scotland—Adam Smith, Walter Scott, Robert Burns and James Watt—to say nothing of a host of others, Chalmers the Prince of modern preachers; Jeffery the Prince of critics; Brewster the Prince of natural philosophers. (Applause.)

And may it not be well to wind up with an inquiry, how far the characteristic and homely virtues

of the Scottish people may be improved or transplanted, into our own Province? Does she teach us no examples that we may safely imitate? I no longer speak as a Scotchman by birth, but as a Nova Scotian by affection and habit. A Scotchman may fondly think that one of the best and surest guarantees for the moral and religious life—the growing intelligence and the material progress of Nova Scotia—is the large intermixture of Scottish blood that glows and circulates in her veins. If it be so, let us profit by the infusion.

In some respects the two countries closely resemble each other. No part of Scotland is more than forty miles from the sea, and we also are surrounded by the ocean.—Our coasts are of the same rugged aspect, and the carses of the one and the dyked marshes of the other are not unlike. There is the same native shrewdness in the people, for I have often been astonished, before the blessings of education were extended to the masses, at the untaught and intuitive sagacity of the Nova Scotian mind. They have both strong religious convictions, moving not in a shallow and languid stream, but with the passion and force of noble minds—not with the mere philosophical belief which amounts only to a perhaps, but with the power and earnestness of faith. Let us make the parallel more complete. Let us learn that a liberal economy, parsimony if you please, whose praises are celebrated by Adam Smith, is one of the first of virtues. It lays the solid foundation of capital, frowns on the extravagancies of fashion, and fosters a manly in-

dependence. A manufacturer of large fortune, it may be in Glasgow or Aberdeen, has a number of sons. How does he educate them? He sends them three or four years to attend the collegiate classes, and gives them a cultivation and reach of thought, which fits them for the highest positions and to which our young men, deprived of the same advantage, have but few pretensions. Is it justice to our young men that this should be so? Why should the future merchants and leading mechanics of Nova Scotia be confined to the mere drudgery of trade or labour, without first acquiring some knowledge of the classics, some tincture of mathematical and literary training. A college, inferior to none in the British Provinces, is now open to them. Why should not its classes be filled with the sons of our traders, of our leading mechanics and our professional men, as similar classes are filled in the four Scottish cities having the advantage of universities? But there is another feature which is equally worthy of imitation. The wealthy manufacturers I have spoken of do not hesitate to send their sons, after having passed, it may be, a collegiate course, to the loom or the forge to learn their business from the beginning. They prefer this to driving tandem (a laugh) and have the good sense, both father and son, to account it no degradation; for no man can conduct a business successfully who does not know it from the bottom,—just as no lady is fit to manage a household, who has not been often in the kitchen before she is married.

I was delighted, when on a recent visit to one of

our greatest manufactories, to find young lads of education employed at the machines, and by their superior intelligence already filling the places of grown men. Applications for admission, I was assured, were frequent. It is this mainly which has made Scotland what she is. It has been long the practice in New England, and I know of no greater benefit that one of our wealthy merchants could confer upon the community, than to set such an example with one of his own sons.

I see a number of the young men of my own profession near me, and I will seize the opportunity of giving them, and others as well, a lesson which I had early in life, and profited by myself. When I was entering upon the law, upwards of forty years ago, Judge James Stewart, whom I have already mentioned, with true kindness, said to me, "Mind what I am going to tell you. When you open your office, make a fixed determination never to spend more than two-thirds of your income, invest the other third as fast as you make it in mortgages at 6 per cent. Enter into no speculations, but attend strictly to your office and your business. Under no temptation keep your client's money a day. Follow these maxims, and although you may be unable to make a fortune, you will always have independence and peace of mind." I commend these maxims to the thoughtful consideration of the young fellows before me.

And now, as I have been saying so much of literature, let me say a word upon two works that have been published this year in Nova Scotia, but have

attracted far less attention than they deserve. The one is the "Teacher's Text Brook," written by the Rev. Dr. Forrester, giving the results of his long experience, and containing the most comprehensive and the most philosophic account of the theory and practice of teaching that I have ever met. The other is entitled, "Helena's Household," the production of Professor De Mill, a picture of Roman society and manners in the time of Nero, and embellished by many passages of true beauty and power.

Here I must close. I have spoken with great freedom, but I have spoken from the heart. The time must come when the rising talent of Nova Scotia will be more assiduously cultivated and her resources more developed—when her population shall be fully alive to the immense advantages which a bountiful Providence has showered upon her,—and whatever her political destiny may be, let us hope that she will prove herself worthy of the high position for which God and nature have evidently designed her.

The Chief Justice resumed his seat amidst immense cheering, having spoken about an hour and a half.

Rev. G. M. GRANT said—It is my pleasing duty to move that this audience do convey to the Chief Justice their thanks for the oration which he has just delivered. I am sure that the Society, of which he is the honored head, will express its thanks in many ways, and right cordially, too; but it is also the duty of the citizens of Halifax, present

in this assembly, to convey the expression of their gratification. The oration, I am sure, charmed and delighted every one who listened to it; for the Chief Justice wove together materials the most diverse, gathered from many quarters. He has proved himself worthy of the honored line of men whose place he fills, not only as the head of the legal profession, but as the head also of the community to which we are proud to belong, the North Britons of Nova Scotia.

JOHN TAYLOR, Esq., seconded the motion, which passed by acclamation.

The CHIEF JUSTICE said—I feel deeply gratified at this expression of thanks. This is the first occasion, since 1860, on which I have delivered a lecture from this platform, and I am really delighted that I have come here to-day, were it for nothing else than to enjoy the vivifying response which I have seen in the faces of my countrymen.

After which the Hall slowly emptied itself of its fair and gallant company, the procession reformed and marched through the principal streets, which were densely thronged with spectators, to the residence of the Chief Justice on South Street, then through Pleasant street back to the rendezvous, the Province Building.

THE DINNER.

In the evening the members of the Society and their guests, to the number of about 120, assembled at Mason Hall to close the celebration of the Centenary. The table was loaded with the choicest

viands, served up in a most excellent style. The Hall was tastefully decorated with the Banners of the North British and Highland Societies. The Chair was occupied by His Honor Chief Justice Young, President, supported by Cols. Lowrey and Martin, Judge Desbarres, Judge Jackson, U. S. Consul, Com. Gen. Routh, Hon. M. B. Almon, Capt. Deveron, H. I. M. Ship *Onandago*, His Worship the Mayor, M. B. Daly, Esq., President of the Charitable Irish Society, and many distinguished citizens and officers of the Army and Navy, James Forman, Esq., Vice President, occupied the Vice Chair, supported by G. S. Yates, Esq., President of St. George's Society, and M. Liebman, Esq., President of the Germania Society, and other guests. The fine Band of the 4th Regt. was in attendance, and at intervals enlivened the company with sweet music. Nor were the sounds of the pibroch, so pleasing to a Scotchman's ear, wanting. At about half-past nine the cloth was removed, when the drinking of the toasts began.

The Queen—the mother of the people—God bless her. (National Anthem by the Band, and enthusiastic cheers from the Company.)

The Worthy President, in proposing this toast said that he was about to propose the toast, which on festive occasions like the present, rose unbidden to the lips of every Briton. The toast was received with unbounded enthusiasm, the whole company rising and singing the National Anthem.

"The Prince and Princess of Wales, and the other

members of the Royal Family." (Received with all the Honors. *Rule Britannia.*)

"The Emperor of the French and the President of the United States."

The Chairman, in proposing this toast, prefaced it with a few most appropriate remarks, and called upon the Captain of the French iron-clad now in our harbor, to respond on behalf of the former, and Judge Jackson on behalf of the latter. The captain arose and gracefully returned thanks on behalf of the nation which he represented, for the cordial manner in which the toast had been received; expressed his sincere wish that the English, the French and American nations might always continue to live in perfect harmony, and said he would bear a most lively recollection of the kindn he had received at the hands of the Hallfax citizens during the long and cold winter.

Judge Jackson, in responding to the toast of the President, said he appreciated most highly the compliment which had been paid the American President and people, and on his and their behalf he begged to tender his most sincere thanks. He heartily joined with the Chairman and the gallant French Captain in the wish that the three nations spoken of would ever cultivate towards each other feelings of friendship. He paid a high compliment to the position and resources of Nova Scotia, and said it was now a well established fact that the sails of her ships whitened every sea on the globe.

"His Excellency the Governor General and the Governors of the Sister Provinces." (Governor General's March.)

This was received with the utmost enthusiasm.

"His Excellency Major General Doyle; enjoying the esteem of all ranks throughout the Province—absent, but not forgotten."

This was warmly received, as it deserved, for the General, although not a Scotchman, is a favorite with the "Sons of the Heather."

"The Army and Navy, the Safety and Glory of the Empire." (*Rule Britannia.*)

Col. Lowry, in replying to the former, regretted that in the absence of Governor Doyle and Col. Franklyn, it fell to his lot to reply on behalf of the Army. Governor Doyle, he said, from his long residence among us, had become a time-honoured institution. He had no fears whatever but that the army would continue to do justice to itself in the future as in the past. He heartily concurred in the wish expressed in regard to the subsistence of peaceful relations between the three great nations. Peace was the proper time to prepare for war; he trusted war might never come, but should it, he felt confident the Colonies of England, whether in America or India would be found sending their Militiamen and Volunteers, who were the backbone of the national defence, to aid the Mother Country in fighting her battles. In concluding, he enjoined upon Nova Scotians the necessity of standing true to New Brunswick and Canada. The people of Canada had ever defended and would ever continue to defend that brave old flag, hallowed by so many

recollections. It was therefore our duty and our interest as British subjects, to cultivate harmony and peace with our Sister Provinces. With those patriotic sentiments we deeply regret there was one man so un-British as openly to express his dissent from them. Thank God so far as we could see, he was the only one.

An officer of H. M. S. *Cadmus* replied on behalf of the Navy. His remarks, though brief, were both witty and appropriate.

The Chairman, after reading a few very fine verses of poetry, composed for the occasion by a youthful member of the Society, then gave—

"The Founders of the Society,"

which was responded to by Jas. Forman, Esq., V. P., who gave a very interesting account of the Society, of which he has been a member about fifty years, and acted as its V. P. so long ago as 1824.

The next toast was—

"The Masonic Body, with the members of St. Andrew's Lodge—having their origin on the same day, and celebrating this Centenary with ourselves." (*Free Mason's March.*)

Hon. Mr. Keith replied on behalf of the Masonic body. He expressed regret that the Chairman did not belong to that body, which was the oldest and most honorable fraternity on earth, and which had as its members, Kings, Princes, Potentates, Jews, Greeks, Gentiles and Ethiopians ; and he hoped soon to propose the worthy Chairman as a candidate for Masonic honors. Alderman Nash responded

briefly on behalf of St. Andrew's Lodge, which was also a Century old.

"The Clergy of all Denominations."

This was replied to by the Rev. G. M. Grant in his usual happy manner. He paid a fitting tribute to the Clergy and especially to the Clergy of Scotland, who had done so much to elevate their country. He knew, he said, that the opinion, that clergymen were a sort of petticoated gentry, who must, like women, minors, and Indians, never interfere in politics, was a widely extended one. In the history of Scotland there was a time when the Clergy showed themselves not unworthy of the people from whom they sprung, when they went forth with them and contended for what they believed to be the true interests of religion, and no bribes, no rewards could induce them to swerve from that path. Now they had much more congenial duties to perform. Religion, he contended, was the backbone of every nation.

Mr. Geo. Buist then sang in capital style :—

"Scots wha hae wi' Wallace bled."

The next toast was,—

"The Legislature of the Province—may their proceedings always be conducted in a spirit of patriotism, and redound to the public good.—(*March.*)

Hon. M. B. Almon responded on behalf of the Legislative Council, and Hon. Robert Robertson for the House of Assembly, who said that never was there so much unity of action exhibited by any House as the present, and whose members he

believed were actuated solely by the desire to advance the interests of the Province.

"The Mayor and Corporation"—(*Corporation March.*)

This toast was responded to by his Worship the Mayor, in his usual brilliant manner. He congratulated the Society, in the name of the citizens of Halifax, on the present auspicious occasion. He hoped the next centenary of the Society would find Halifax one of the greatest emporiums of the new world. From the interesting account given by the chairman in his oration, and the remarks which had just fallen from the vice chairman, he said, he was glad to learn that the society, whose centenary they were then celebrating, had grown with the growth of the city and prospered with its prosperity. It was his ardent wish that it would continue to grow in numbers and usefulness, and that on the occasion of its next centenary the same flag would be seen waving on our streets, the same costume would adorn its members, and the same toasts meet with, if possible a more hearty reception, that had on the present occasion been accorded them.

"The Scottish Universities and the Literature of Scotland —enriched by a thousand associations."

Eloquently responded to by Rev. Chas. M. Grant.

"Our Sister Societies."

This was briefly replied to by Mr. Daly, President of St. Patrick's Society.

"The Bench and Bar of Nova Scotia."

Judge DesBarres responded.

A. M. Uniacke, Esq., replied eloquently on behalf of the Bar.

After a song from Mr. Stirling,

"Our Guests—We bid them a hearty welcome,"

Was proposed, and was responded to by Col. Martin, 4th Regt., and by John Tobin, Esq.

"The Health of the President."

Followed, and was received with great warmth by the company. It was responded to by that gentleman briefly but eloquently.

Donald Murray, Esq., then proposed "Charity," coupled with the name of Hon. W. J. Stairs, which was briefly replied to by that gentleman.

"The McGregor's Gathering" was then sung in beautiful style by Mr. Headly.

"The Fair Daughters of Acadia."

This toast was drank with the usual demonstrations; but it will be difficult for the Society to get over their unpopularity with a certain portion of the fair sex, who were cruelly disappointed in not having the grand ball, which was promised them, and to which they so fondly looked forward.

"The Land we live in. May she ever, like old Scotland, be the home of the Brave and Free."

"A nation famed for song and beauty's charms,
Zealous (yet modest) innocent though free."

His Worship the Mayor was called on to respond to this toast, which he did with his usual good taste.

"Good night and joy be with you all."

A number of Volunteer toasts were then given, and a few songs capitally rendered.

At about 12 o'clock the Company sang "Auld Lang Syne," followed by the National Anthem, and then separated for their homes.

So ended the celebration of the Centenary of the North British Society, completing the record of a Century of good work, of Charity and patriotism, which have had a good effect in this city, and reflect honour upon the Scotsmen who have composed our now time honoured Institution. Judging from these Records of its past usefulness, its present position, wealth and numbers, it requires but little prophetic ken to augur, that when the next centenary has rolled over our Society with all the change, expansion and progress that may in that time be reasonably expected, the North British will then be not only the oldest, but the greatest of the National and Patriotic Institutions of the country, in being the guardian and Patron of all objects of Scottish care, whether in the walks of charity, art, litreature or arms.

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APPENDIX.

RULES

FOR THE REGULATION OF

THE NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY,

IN

HALIFAX, N. S.

WITH THE

ACT OF INCORPORATION.

ROLL OF MEMBERS, &C.

INTRODUCTION.

As every Association for the assistance and relief of our fellow-creatures is commendable and good, it is hoped the NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY of Halifax will be esteemed such by all who candidly peruse the Rules of its Institution.

When people meet with misfortune, or fall into distress in a part of the world remote from the land of their nativity, they naturally select their countrymen to reveal their situation to them, and to claim their aid.

That they might have it in their power to interpose with effect in behalf of such claimants, the natives of Scotland and those of Scotch parentage in the city of Halifax, agreed, in the year 1768, to form themselves into a charitable Society.

The good effects of their association have now been experienced for one hundred years, and though the objects of their charity, like the contributors to it, have, according to their fundamental principles, been North-Britons only, yet there is nothing so narrow or illiberal in their Institution as to indispose them, in their individual capacity, from acting np to the principles of universal charity, and joining with the community at large, in acts of social or private beneficence.

RULES, ETC.

SECTION I.

Designation of the Society: its Seal.

The Society shall retain its present name, that is,—THE NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY, in *Halifax, Nova Scotia.*

The Seal now used by the Society, viz., a silver Seal, with a Thistle and Crown engraved thereon, with this motto: "*Nemo me impune lacessit,*" shall be continued, subject to the regulations hereafter mentioned.

SECTION II.

Of Members and their Qualifications: Election and Duties.

As the existence and usefulness of the Society depends upon its ordinary members, what relates to them deserves the first consideration.

Persons desiring admittance into the Society shall consist, first, of natives of Scotland, secondly of those whose fathers or grandfathers are or were natives.

They shall be proposed by one or more members of the Society, at a general or special meeting, and their election shall be determined by a majority of votes by ballot, at next quarterly meeting.

Every person thus elected as an ordinary member shall, at the time of his admission, subscribe the Rules of the Society, and pay into the hands of

the Treasurer a sum not less than four dollars, to be applied according to the orders and regulations hereinafter specified.

Every ordinary resident member shall pay quarterly into the hands of the Treasurer, at the Board of the Society, the sum of 3s. currency, or such other sum as shall from time to time be judged sufficient for promoting the general purposes of the institution.

Perpetual members shall consist of those persons entitled to admission into this Society, who deposit in the fund of charity a sum, the annual interest of which shall be at least equal to the ordinary dues of the four quarterly meetings, as now established; they shall always have a right to take part in the business of this Society, and shall, with their own consent, be always eligible to its offices.

Honorary members shall consist of those persons eligible into the Society, who are passengers and sojourners, rather than resident in the city; or who being ordinary members, may remove from the city; or of those whom, on account of their office and avocations, the Society shall think proper to exempt, though resident, from the duty of ordinary attendance. In either case they shall contribute to the funds of charity a sum not less than six dollars. The admission and enrolment of members of the first description shall, as heretofore, be vested in the officers of the Society, viz., in the President, Vice-President and Assistants. And it is to be understood that if any members of the first or

second class shall become permanent residents in the city, they shall pay the same annual contribution as ordinary members, or otherwise shall cease to be members of the Society.

SECTION III.

Meetings of the Society, and Order of Business.

For cultivating a mutual good understanding among the members, and for conducting the business of charity, the Society shall be assembled four times in the year, besides its anniversary meeting, namely, on the first Thursday of the months of February, May, August and November.

At all meetings of the Society, after the President or Vice-President has taken the Chair, the Rules shall be laid on the table for the perusal and direction of the members; and nothing shall be talked of but the business of the Society, while the President keeps the Chair.

Every member speaking on business shall stand up and address himself to the Chair, and no member shall speak more than once on the same subject, except by leave from the Chair, or in order to explain something already offered.

When the subject before the Society is stated and discussed, the President shall propose the same to the decision of the members, which shall be given by ballot in all cases when it is required, or by a show of hands.

Every member resident in the city, who shall be absent from any meeting, ordinary or extraordinary,

shall be noted in the Minutes by the Secretary, and shall forfeit for every time he is absent, fifteen pence, for the use of the Society. Every member present shall pay 1s. 3d. to defray the expense of the evening.

Every member resident in the city, who shall absent himself for four successive quarterly meetings, without making an excuse that shall be deemed satisfactory to the Society, shall no longer be considered a member.

At the meeting in November the members present shall, by a majority of votes given by ballot, elect the officers for the ensuing year, to wit, a President, Vice-President, two Assistants, a Treasurer, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Committee of Charity and Messenger; and at this meeting, also, a regulation shall be made for celebrating the Festival of St. Andrew.

Any member being elected to the office of President and refusing to act, shall forfeit twenty shillings; Vice-President, fifteen shillings; and all other officers ten shillings each, for the use of the Society.

At the meeting to be held on the 30th November each year, for celebrating the festival of St. Andrew, or on the day following, if the 30th happens to be Sunday, the officers elected at the preceding meeting shall enter on their functions.

At the said Annual Festival, every member of the Society who shall appear without a St. Andrew's Cross on his breast, shall forfeit and pay to the Society's use seven shillings and six pence.

SECTION IV.

Of the Officers of the Society: their Duty and Business.

No person shall be eligible to the office of President who has not been at least twelve months an ordinary or perpetual member of the Society.

The duty of the President, Vice President or Chairman, is to preside at all meetings, to regulate the deliberations of the Society; to state and put questions both in the affirmative and the negative, according to the sense and intention of the meeting; to check undue warmth or irregularity, and keep all persons in order; and for this purpose he shall have the power of fining, at his discretion, an offending member, not exceeding 1s. for each offence, without putting a vote; to direct summonses for all ordinary and extraordinary general meetings; and to execute or superintend the execution of all the rules and orders of the Society.

The custody and use of the Seal, the power of naming the place of meeting, with all other powers vested in him by ancient usage, shall, as heretofore remain with the President, or, in his absence, with the Vice President or Chairman.

The President, Vice President or Chairman, shall approve of all disbursements, and sign all orders of distribution, the account of which shall, as usual, be submitted to the Society for its satisfaction.

The Secretary or Assistant Secretary shall attend all meetings and Committees of the Society, with the Rules and Records; shall take down all

Minutes, particularly noting, in a regular account, all monies received and disbursed, and shall produce the same, fairly written, in proper books, at the next meeting; shall read all letters, petitions or papers sent or communicated to the Society, and shall record such of them as may be deemed worthy of preservation; shall prepare all answers in such terms as may be directed; shall make proper indexes to the books of the Society, and allow no account thereof, under his direction, to be in arrear beyond the space of twelve months.

The Treasurer shall give such security as the Society may require for the trust reposed in him; he shall recieve all monies belonging to the Society; he shall regularly produce his accounts signed, and the state of the incidental resources of the Society; and shall annually prepare a correct view of the funds, and the savings or exceedings of the year.

He shall have no credit in his account for any sum disbursed for which he does not produce the order or approbation of the President in writing, or of the Committee of Charity.

The Appointment, powers and Duties of the Committee of Charity.

The Committee of Charity, consisting of five, shall, as heretofore, be annually elected by the Society for the following purposes:

To enquire into the claims, characters and circumstances of all such as apply for the ordinary or extraordinary aid of the Society, to prevent the

charity of the Society from being improperly or fruitlessly applied.

To deliver their opinion candidly and freely with respect to the general merit of claimants, and to the extent of the relief it may be necessary to afford them.

To report to the Society any accident that may befall members, and such as stand in need of aid, or any sickness they may labor under, and to describe the nature and extent of the assistance it behooves the Society to give them, while in such circumstances.

Provisions in case of the Absence, Removal or Death of Officers.

If any officers of this Society are, by sickness or otherwise, necessarily absent from a regular meeting, others shall be called, for the time being, to act in their room; and if any of the officers happen to remove out of the Province or to die during the year for which they were elected, the members assembled at the next quarterly meeting shall, as upon the meeting in November, choose others to serve in their room for the remainder of the year.

SECTION V.

Funds of the Society and appropriation thereof.

All the money collected from the members or received by donation or otherwise, shall be applied to the best advantage for promoting the ends of the Institution; and if, at any time, there shall be more money in the funds than present exigencies

require, the Treasurer, at the desire and by the direction of the Society at any general or quarterly meeting, shall lend out the same upon interest on the credit of the Province, or unexceptionable personal security by bond, or by investment in real estate within the city of Halifax, by bond and mortgage; this security to be taken in the name of the President and Vice President for the time being, and the survivors of them, as Trustees for the said Society; and in the said instrument of security, it shall be declared that the same is made in trust for the Society, and the President and Vice President shall be parties to, and shall execute the same in the presence of two witnesses, and the said security shall be lodged with the Treasurer for the time being, and the mortgage, if any, to be duly recorded. Provided always, that said President and Vice President, or either of them, their heirs, executors, or administrators, shall at all times subsequent (on being required by the Society at a general meeting so to do) execute an assignment or assignments of the said instruments, to their successors in office.

The charity of the Society shall be applied in the following manner, viz., the President, Vice President, with the other officers of the Society or the Committee of Charity, shall have power to draw orders on the Treasurer for the time being, in favor of such poor or distressed persons as they shall judge fit objects of the Society's bounty, which orders the Treasurer shall immediately pay,

provided always, that none but those who have the same qualifications in regard to country and parentage as is stated in the rule respecting admission of members, their widows and children, shall ever be entitled to any part of this charity. *Provided also*, that the sum so drawn for does not exceed £5 to any one person, and when £5 are drawn by order on the Treasurer, the said order must be signed by every member of said Committee of Charity; and, to prevent impositions on said Committee of Charity in future, all orders on the Treasurer shall be signed by at least three of said Committee of Charity, when under £5.

As a stated provision is made for the resident poor by the municipal laws of the city, to which the members of this Society contribute their proportion in their private capacity as citizens, the fund of charity shall be rather applied to the relief and assistance of persons who have met with sudden misfortune, or who suffer by occasional distress, than to continued allowance for the settled poor; but as no adequate regulation, suitable to all times and all circumstances, can be devised on this subject, the Society shall, nothwithstanding anything to the contrary in this rule, be always free to exercise its own discretion and humanity with regard to it.

SECTION VI.

Certificates to be granted to Resident, Perpetual, or Honorary Members.

All perpetual, resident, or honorary members removing from the Province, shall, upon applica-

tion, be furnished with a Certificate of their admission and attendance, under the Society's Seal, and signed by the President or Vice President, and Secretary, the form of which shall be as follows:

"These are to certify that was regularly admitted a member of the North British Society of the City of Halifax, in the Province of Nova Scotia, at a meeting of the Society the day of , A.D. 18

"Given under our hands and the Seal of the Society, the day and year above written."

But, as it may be expedient for members of this Society to remove in quest of settlement to other parts of this Continent, where similar institutions exist, whose countenance and direction might be of great assistance to them, a second form of Certificate shall be granted, upon application, to such members of this description as the Society shall think worthy of the same, the form whereof shall be as follows:

"These may certify that Mr. was regularly admitted a Member of the North British Society of Halifax, in Nova Scotia, on the day of , and having duly conformed to all its Rules and Regulations during his residence here, he is, therefore, recommended to the countenance and protection of any and all similar Societies."

SECTION VII.

Provision in case of the Sickness and Death of Members.

In describing the duties of the Committee of Charity, the superintendence of the sick was mentioned as a part of their charge, and as this branch of the Society's Institution may be more effectually managed by them, they shall, in case of the continuance of the sickness or incapacity for business of such members as need the Society's care, make report thereof to the officers and private members; and if he or they need assistance during the night, the members of the Society shall, upon the recomendation of the Committee, watch with such sick persons, and shall. at the Society's charge, be allowed proper refreshment during their watch.

In case of the death of any member needing such aid, the funeral charges shall be defrayed by the Society. and such a sum as circumstances may demand and the funds allow, shall be given to the widow or the orphans of the deceased.

When the attendance of the Society is requested at the funeral of one of its members, or a countryman a stranger in the place, the President shall issue orders for that purpose; and the customs of Scotland, as far as expedient, shall be adhered to in the procession on such occasions, and as little expense incurred as possible.

SECTION VIII.

For the purpose of extending the usefulness of the Society, and for making the objects of it more generally known, each member shall have the privilege of introducing, at the respective Quarterly Meetings, persons (non-residents) eligible to become members of the Society; the member or members so introducing such visitor or visitors, to contribute towards the funds of the Society the sum of 2s. 6d., at each of the meetings in the months of May and August, and the sum of 5s. in the months of November and February, for each and every visitor so respectively introduced at any such meetings; provided, however, that all and every such visitor and visitors so to be introduced as aforesaid, shall be precluded from taking any part in the proceedings or business of the Society.

The foregoing rules shall be deemed the fundamental articles and regulations of the North-British Society, in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and shall not hereafter be altered or abrogated, on any pretence whatever, otherwise than by consent of at least two-thirds of the members regularly met at any Quarterly Meeting in November; provided, also, that a Committee has been previously appointed, to consist of at least five members, and to have reported such alteration to be necessary.

Voted unanimously, and agreed to at a Quarterly Meeting at the Mason's Hall, in the town of Halifax, in the Province of Nova Scotia, the seventh day of November, in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty-Three.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE NORTH-BRITISH SOCITY, IN HALIFAX, NOVA-SCOTIA.

(Passed the 24th day of March, 1856.)

Be it enacted by the Governor, Council and Assembly, as follows:

1. The following persons, that is to say: Peter Ross, John Taylor, William Annand, William Murray, John Watt, William B. Smellie, and John B. Campbell, and all such other persons as now are or hereafter shall become members of the Society, shall be a body politic and corporate, by the name of "The North British Society, in Halifax, Nova Scotia."

2. The Rules of the Society adopted on the Seventh day of November, 1843, are hereby declared legal and binding, and the Corporation is empowered to collect all monies and arrears due thereunder.

3. The personal property, debts and effects now belonging to the Society, are vested in the Corporation, and the Corporation is empowered to invest its funds to such extent and in such way as it shall think fit.

ROLL

OF

ORDINARY MEMBERS

OF THE

NORTH BRITISH SOCIETY,

SINCE ITS INSTITUTION IN 1768.

1768.
John Taylor,
John Gillespie,
William Scott,
William McLennan,
Thomas McLennan,
Robert Killo.
James Clark,
Walter Harkness,
John Geddes,
Daniel Morrison,
James Thomson,
John McCra,
William Luke,
John Fraser.

1769.
George Elliot.

1770.
Peter McNab.

1771.
John Patterson.

1773.
Robert Gillespie.

1774
Maj. A. M'Donald, 59th Regt.
Alexander Thompson,
Robert Campbell,
William Allen,
Alexander Ross,
Robert McGowan.

1777.
James Dickson,
John Miller.
John Ratrie,
John Mowatt,
Alex. Brymer, 1783.
James Black,
William Bowie.

1778.
Lt. M. Hyndman, R. N.
William Hogg.

1779.
Robert Nisbet.

1780.
Patrick M'Master,
Andrew M'Gill,
Andrew Thompson,
Michael Wallace,
Charles Adams.

1782.
Alexander Green,
John Bremner,
George Graut,
Dr. John Halliburton,
George Smith,
William Shand,
William Cater,
James Veitch,
Richard Kidson,
James Dechman,
Alexander Copeland,
Robert Burns,
James Strachan,
William Hogg,
Alexander Anderson.

1783.
William Gibbon.
James Hunter,
Robert Geddes,
Charles Geddes,
William Lyon.

Robert Lyon,
Peter Lenox,
John Ritchie,
George M'Crae,
William Davidson,
Thomas Manson,
George Gunn.

1784.

Anthony Stewart,
William Campbell,
Rev. Thos. Russell,
Daniel M'Master,
James Benvie,
Joseph Gilchrist.
David Ferguson,
William Gordon,
James Wallace,
William Forsyth,
Peter Wemys,
Dr. Duncan Clark.
George Rodgers,
Alexander M'Donald.

1785.

John Cannel,
Donald M'Lean,
Robert Buchanan,
John Leckie,
Andrew Liddell,
John Patterson,
Peter Smith,
Thomas Gordon,
Thomas Robertson,
William Annand.

1786.

William Duffus,
John Bremner,
Andrew Gray,
John M'Gee,
John Anderson,
James Ewing,
James Alexander,
Wm. Vietch,
George M'Intosh,
Peter Muir,
Robert Killo.

1787.

Adam Fife,
Dunbar Sloane,
James Johnston,
Alexander Bremner,
Duncan Grant,
William Kidston,
Rev. Dr. A. Brown,
Alex. Clunas.

1788.

Alex. Brymer, jr.
James Stewart,
James Fraser,
Alex. Abercromby,
Roderick McKay,
Alexander Wills,
Charles Handyside,
John Irvin.

1789.

David Hall,
John Hall,
John Grant,
John M'Kenzie.

1790.

William Smith,
James Forbes,
James Forman,
George Grassie,
James Stewart, (2nd)
Andrew Cumming.
Alexander Morrison,
John Hunter,
John Ross,
Archibald Ferguson,
Wm. Thompson,
Colin Campbell,
John Morton,

1792.

Alexander Izatt,
Archibald Wilson,
Winckworth Allan,
George Glennie.
Admiral Murray,

1793.

John Stewart,
James Geddie,
Wm. Forsyth, (2)
Wm. Grigor,
Thomas McKenzie,
John Stuart,
David Brown,
Lieut. John Fraser,
Lieut. Alex. Sutherland.
Capt. Ken. M'Donald.
Lieut. Donald Campbell,
John Black,
James Thom,
John Thompson,
John Taylor,
Duncan Brown.

1795.

Alexander Patillo,

James Donaldson,
Thomas Donaldson,
Robert Milne,
James Kidston,
Wm. Findlay,
Robert Feguson,
Wm. Eddy,
Thomas Russell,
Peter Robb,
Kenneth M'Kenzie,
John Lenox,
Wm. Bremmer,
James Mills,
Wm. Gauld,
Wm. Patterson,
Alxenander M'Lean.

1796.

James Wiseman,
John Walker,
Alexander Fraser,
James Sharp,
Alexander Barnett,
Alexander Hackett,
James Munn,
Rev. Dr. Arch. Gray,
Matthew Richardson,
James Smith,
James Romans,
James Pirnie,

1797.

Robert Nicoll,
James Frame,
John Gould,
James Barron,
John M'Alpine,
Duncan M'Queen,
Peter M'Nab,
John M'Nab.

1798.

Donald Munro,
Alex. Philips,
John Martin,
Alexander Melvin,
Thomas Nelson,
Thomas Richardson,
Alex. M'Dougall,
Alexander Fraser.

1799.

John Hay,
Hugh M'Donald,
Donald Fraser,
Wm. Robertson,
John Wilson,
Thomas Buchannan,
Duncan M'Pherson,
John Livingston,
Alex. Mitchell,
George Donaldson,
John James Grant,
Hugh Ritchie.

1800.

William Strachan,
John M'Naughton.

1801.

James Fergus,
Alexander Brown,
David Shepherd,
Thomas Moir.

1802.

John Liddell,
James Grant.

1803.

William Bowie.

1804.

Archibald M'Coll.

1805.

David Ferrie,
Wm. G. Forsyth,
John Livingston.

1807.

James Donaldson, (2.)
Charles Telfair,
Alexander Smith,
James Ritchie,
John Simpson,
John Black, jr.
John Telford.

1808.

Alexander Fiddes,
Thomas Mudie,
John Henry,
Daniel Sutherland,
William Bremner.

1809.

John Barron,
John Buchan,
George Mitchell,
William Strachan, jr.

1810.

Richard Kidston, jr.
William Kidston, jr.
John Clark,
Michael M'Naughton,
James Bain,
David Muirhead,
Tannet Thompson,
John Henderson,
Richard Scott,
James Scott,
John Tulles.

1812.
James Russell,
George N. Russell,
John Farquharson,
James Gordon.
1813.
William Murray,
Henry Ford,
Archibald M'Donald,
Patrick Ross,
Wm. Daling,
David Dundas,
James Hogg,
Alexander Grant,
Daniel Grant,
James Grant.
1814.
Duncan M'Coll,
James Leishman,
John M'Pherson,
Thomas Gentles,
James McNab,
John Scobie,
Stewart Wallace,
John Roy,
Adam Ross,
John Munro,
Duncan M'Farlane,
John Fraser,
Andrew Mills,
Alexander May.
1815.
George Muirhead,
Charles Dunbrack,
Robert Penney,
James Donaldson, (3.)
Andrew Nisbit,
George Innis,
Peter M'Nab,
William Scott,
David Walker,
James M'Cormack,
Dunbar D. Stewart,
Robert Bremner,
James Dechman,
Alexander Murdoch.
1816.
Dr. Wm. Petrie,
Duncan M'Queen,
John Young,
Archibald Sinclair,
Alexander Primrose,
Matthew Forrester,
1817.
Robert M. Brown,
Peter Donaldson,
Alexander Malcom,
Thomas Muirhead,
Alexander Sim,
George Hamilton,
Hector M'Donald, (1.)
Hector M'Donald, (2.)
James Johnson,
Colin Wilson,
George Craigen,
Alexander Boyd.
1818.
Hon. B. Halliburton,
S. G. W. Archibald,
Robert F. Bigby,
Joseph Mundell.
1819.
Charles S. Gray,
John Boyd,
James Forman, jr.
Robert Duncan,
Adam Esson,
Donald M'Lennan,
James Ross,
James Fraser, jr.
James Forrester.
1820.
John M'Kenzie,
John M'Lean,
Duncan Black.
Wm. Wallace,
Allan M'Donald,
Thomas C. Allan,
Thomas Laidlaw,
David Johnson,
David Henderson,
Alex. A. Ferguson,
Samuel Mitchell.
1821.
John Forman,
John Fraser,
Hunter St. Andrews,
James Cruikshanks,
William B. Robertson,
1822.
Andrew D. Russell,
Robert Noble,
Alexander Keith,
Edward Wallace,
Hector M'Lennan,
Andrew Mitchell.
1823.
William Sutherland,
Alexander M'Leod,
John Stachan,

James Dechman, (3)
John Lyle,
Rev. John Martin.

1824.

John M'Kenzie, (2)
Charles Coventree,
John Fraser. (2)
Andrew Crawford
George Little,
James Pettigrew,
John M'Niel,
Charles Alexander,
Robert Robertson,
Alexander Ross,
Dr. John Stirling.

1825.

C. H. Fife,
John Robb,
James Thompson,
James F. Gray,
William Kandick,
David Spence.

1826.

James Purvis,
William Young,
Thomas Forman,
Charles D. Archibald,
George R. Young,
James D. Fraser,
Robert Romans,
William Gossip,
C. Brodie,
Thomas Williamson,
John W. C. Brown.

1827.

John Richardson,
William Crawford,
Peter Manson,
William Mills,
James Lessel,
James Findlay,
John Farquhar,
Alexander Barry.

1828.

Peter Grant,
Adam Reid,
William Grant,
William Murdoch,
George Thompson,
Daniel M'Kay,
Rev. John Scott,
Walter Robb.

1829.

Andrew M'Kinlay,
James Thompson, (2)
John Watt,
John Fraser, (3)
James Nichol.

1830.

William Mills,
Rev. Thomas Aitken,
Angus Fraser,
James Malcolm,
Robert Downs,
William G. Anderson.

1831.

Alexander Paul,
Alexander Ross, (2)
Robert Bigby,
John Forrest,
Robert D. Clarke,
Rev. James Morrison,
Alexander Smith, (2)
William Murray.

1832.

Thomas Cummings,
James Anderson,
David S. Sutherland,
James Reid,
George Barton,
Henry Anderson,
John A. Mann,
James M'Intosh,
Alexander Duff,
James Murdoch,
Hugh Campbell,
Alexander Davidson,
Charles W. Wallace,
William F. Black,
John Esson,
William M'Kay,
Alexander Henry,
Robert Wilson,
Robert Malcom,
John Gibson,
Alexander M'Nab,
John M'Nab,
Neil M'Vicar,
Joseph Robinson.

1833.

Winnie Johnston,
James M'Donald,
James Grant,
John Brander,
John M'Kay,
John M'Intosh,
Alexander Stewart,
Alexander M'Kenzie,
William A. M'Agy,
James C. M'Kay,

W. S. More,
James Lockerby,
Alexander Troup,
Daniel M'Lean,
David Stevens,
Alexander Hendry,
William Garrad,
William Grieve,
Wm. Robertson,
John G. M'Kenzie,
William Scott,
David Calder.

1834.

John Leitch,
James Flockhart, jr.
Rev. Alexander Romans,
Andrew Oswald,
George Esson,
James Humphrey,
James Irons,
Daniel M'Ivor,
Gilbert Elliott,
George Nicoll,
John M'Leod,
Alexander Carson,
John Rhind,
James Crawford,

1835.

James Fraser,
Thomas Elliott,
Robert M'Hannay,
Alexander Stewart,
James Irons, jr.
William Bauld,
John Oal,
John Forbes,

1836.

John M'Pherson,
Alex. G. Fraser,
Adam Black,
George Henderson,
Robert Mitchell,
Lawrence M'Lean,
Neil M'Quarrie,
William M'Kinlay,
Wm. B. Stephenson,
Winkworth Allan,
Allan Campbell,
Donald M'Kay,
John Gordon.

1837.

William Donald,
David Walker,
William Donaldson,
Jacob Currie,
Alex. Fraser,
Rev. James M'Intosh,
Edward Craigen,
Thomas Humphrey,
John M'Gregor,
Joseph G. Ross,
John U. Ross.

1838.

James M'Kenzie,
Alexander Bain,
Donald Murray,
John Grant,
Robert M'Donald,
Andrew Richardson,
Samuel Gray,
Wm. Campbell,
Anthony Ingles,
Alex. Rhind,
George M'Kenzie,
Dr. A. Sawers,
John Watson,
John C. Halliburton.

1839.

John Munro,
George P. Mitchell,
John M'Leod,
Hugh Munro,
Thomas Rhind.

1840.

Wm. Fraser,
Donald M'Kenzie,
George Gray,
Donald Sutherland,
Thomas Hutchison,
John M'Dougall,
James Swan,
Duncan Patterson,
David Rugg,
Wm. F. Reid,
David M'Ainsh,
Joseph A. Sievewright,
Alex. Strachan,
John M'Ilreith,
Alex. Stephen,
Peter Imlay,
John Jamieson,
Samuel B Smith.

1841.

Maurice M'Ilreith,
Francis Downs,
Alexander S. Reid,
William Forrest,
James Cameron,
James Cameron, jr.
Robert Kerr,

James C. Hume,
William Craig,
Joqn M'Donald,
Andrew Wilson,
Hon. Alexander Stewart,
James Barron,
John Wilson,
Henry Gibson.

1842.

George G. Gray,
William Hutcheson,
Hugh Morton,
Nicholas Vass,
William Grant, jr.
William Finlay,
Henry Wilson.

1843.

Henry Watson,
Adam Hunter,
William M Kay.
George Wilson,
William Clarke,
Alexander McDonald,
John Cormack,
Robert Lindsay,
Robert Forrest,
Robert G. Noble,
Robert Balfour,
Henry Taylor,
Daniel Thompson.

1844.

Wm. Stevens,
Charles Hamilton,
William Robb,
James Williamson,
Niel Rankin,
Alexander M'Lean,
William Kandick.

1845.

Robert Boak,
William Boak,
John Lithgow,
James Magee,
James Price,
Angus M'Lean,
William Thompson,
William Campbell,
Henry B. Reid,
James Grieve,
James Gordon,
John Sinclair,
William Crawford, jr.
Robert G. Fraser,
William Jamieson,
Alexander M'Kay,
Alexander Taylor,
Alexander M'Pherson,
Donald Sutherland,
James Mitchell,
Errol Boyd,
James Rhind,
James Reeves,
George Barron,
James Robertson,
John Mitchell.

1846.

John Wilson,
Wm. Laidlaw,
Wm. Woods,
David Smith,
Wm. Wilson,
Wm. Kerr,
Philip Peebles,
Alex. Ogston,
Thomas Bayne,
Daniel M'Pherson,
Thomas Cummings,
Peter Ross,
James Hutton,
John A. Moir,
Arthur M'Leod,
Wm. M'Lean,
Wm. A. Hesson,
Stewart M'Donald,
Duncan Grant,
Alex. Taylor,
Wm. Hutcheson, jr.
James Scott,
Wm. Grant, (3).

1847.

James Kennedy,
George Webster,
John M'Pherson,
Samuel Noble,
Charles W. Dickson,
James Wilkie,
David Ross,
George Anderson,
John Younnie,
Archibald Sinclair,
John Taylor,
Daniel Thom,
James Knight,
John Murdoch,
John Doull,
Alex. Dow.

1848.

John Watson,
Wm. Stewart,
Wm. Findlay,

Andrew M'Nab,
Thomas M'Kie,
James Walters,
David C. Noble,
Wm. M. Campbell,
Charles M'Queen,
Robert W. Fraser,
George A. Flowers,
George Buist,
John Costly,
John Weir,
James Romans.

1849.

John Kandick,
Wm. Fraser,
John M'Leod,
James Rhind, jr.
Andrew Barton,
Bryce Gray,
Rev. Alex. Forrester,
Tristram Halliday,
Robert Munro,
Wm. Penny,
George Ross,
Wm. Smith.

1850.

Hugh Fraser,
William Finlay,
William Blythe,
Duncan McMillan.

1851.

David Stirling,
James Watt,
Alexander J. Nairn,
George Gordon,
James Riddell,
James W. Shirras.
Alexander Fraser.

1852.

Patrick Graham,
William Rhind,
James Hunter,
James Thomson,
John McCulloch.

1853.

William Miller,
Alexander Henderson,
John Laidlaw,
William Murray,
John Sinclair,
James Findlay.
William Farquarson,
Alexander Fraser,
Rev. G. W. Sprott,
Alexander McKay,
William Wilson,
James Irons,
George Innes,
Duncan McQueen,
John C. Drummond,
Alexander McDonald.

1854.

James J. Bremner,
James Wilson, jr.,
Wm. Sutherland,
Charles Lyle,
Robert Spiers,
W. S. Forman,
James Parker,
Donald Fraser,
Charles H. Sinclair,
John A. Johnston,
Wm. A. Grant,
Wm. Currie,
Peter Jack.
James Wallace.

1855.

David Ross,
R. J. Romans,
Thomas Hume,
James Blair,
John S. McLean,
George McKie,
James Monteith.

1856.

John P. Muir,
George Maclean,
Hugh Campbell,
Andrew K. Mackinlay,
John Mackenzie,
John Fraser,
Robert Fraser,
John B. Campbell,
William F. Grant,
John Watson,
John C. Mackenzie,
William B. Smelie,
John B. MacDonald.
George Alexander,
Thomas Annand,
R. G. Halliburton.

1857.

John Muir,
James Kerr,
Joseph Hunter,
George Fraser,
Robert Bould,
Adam Burns,
James Fraser,
Peter Scott,

1858.
Robert Penton,
John Campbell,
J. Scott Hutton,
Wm. Fraser.
1859.
Jas. C. MacKintosh,
George R. Anderson,
Robert Urquhart,
David Crawford,
Robert Gray,
William Henry,
Andrew Wallace,
Robert Muirhead.
1860.
Henry W. Fish,
John Drilllio,
Wm. Mason,
Donald Ross,
John Davison,
Alex. McLeod, 2nd.
Dr. W. H. Davies,
Dr. Cowie,
John W. Fraser,
James Malcom,
James Romans.
1861.
James Mackintosh,
James S. Macdonald,
1862.
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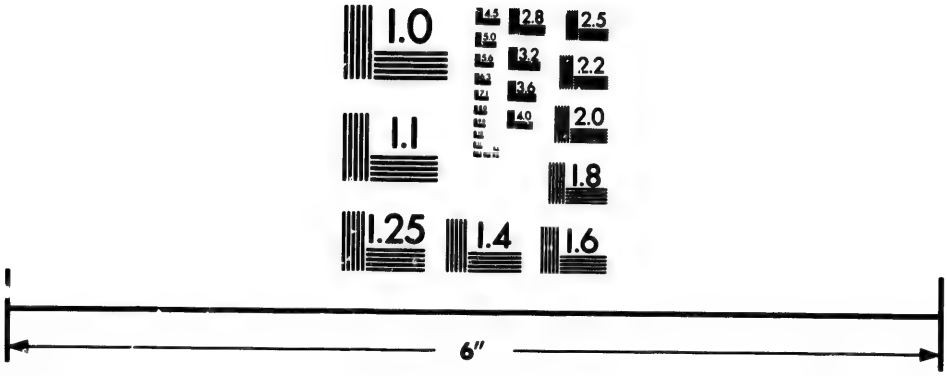

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1868.
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Date of Election.	Moderator.	Vice.	Stewards.	Secretary.
29th March, 1768,	John Gillespie,	.....	Wm. Scott & Thos. McLennan,	James Clark.
1769,	Do.	.....	John Taylor & John McCrae,	Do.
1771,	Do.	.....	Do. Do.	Do.
1777,	William Allan,	.....	John McCrae & Alex. Ross,	Robt. McGowan,
1778,	Alexander Brymer,	.....	Do. Do.	Do.
1779,	Do.	.....	Do. Do.	Do.
1780,	Do.	Peter McNab,	Do. Do.	Andrew McGill.
1781,	Andrew McGill,	Andrew Thompson,	Do. Do.	Michael Wallace.
1782,	Andrew Thompson,	Michael Wallace,	Do. Do.	James Strachan.
1783,	Michael Wallace,	James Strachan,	Do. Do.	Robert Burns.
1784,	Anthony Stewart,	George Smith,	Do. Do.	David Ferguson.
1785,	George Smith,	John Halliburton	Do. Do.	William Lyon.

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Year.	President.	Vice-President.	Senr. Assistant	Junr. Assistant.	Treasurer.	Secretary.
1787	Dr. J. Halliburton,	Wm. Forsyth,	Dr. D. Clarke,	Thos. Robertson,	Alex. Ross,	Andrew Liddell.
1788	Wm. Forsyth,	Dr. D. Clarke,	Andrew Liddell,	Richard Kidston,	Do.	John Paterson.
1789	Dr. D. Clark;	Charles Geddes,	Adam Fyfe,	John Bremner,	Do.	Alex. Brymer, jr.
1790	Alex. Brymer,	Michael Wallace,	John Brymer,	William Lyon,	Do.	Do.
1791	Alex Thomson,	John Grant,	Wm. Lyon,	Alex. Brymer, jr.,	Do.	William Smith,
1792	John Grant,	John Bremner,	Do.	Do.	John Ross,	George Grassie.
1793	James Stewart,	Wm. Lyon,	Wm. Smith,	James Forman.	Do.	James Forbes.
1794	John Bremner.	Alex. Brymer, jr.,	David Hall,	William Kidston,	Do.	Winck. Allan.
1795	Ch. Jus. Strange,	Michael Wallace	Geo. Grassie,	Wink. Allan,	Do.	Robert Lyon.
1796	Com. Duncan,	Hon. J. Halliburton,	Dr. D. Clarke,	John Bremner,	Do.	Do.
1797	Hon. J. Halliburton,	Dr. D. Clark,	Wm. Smith,	Capt. Sutherland,	Wm. Kidston,	Do.
1798	Dr. D. Clark,	John Bremner,	Geo. Grassie,	Robert Lyon,	Do.	James Ewing.
1799	John Bremner,	Geo. Grassie,	Robert Lyon,	M. Richardson,	Do.	James Thom.
1800	George Grassie,	William Smith,	M. Richardson,	James Thom,	Robert Lyon,	James Fraser.
1801	Wm. Smith,	James Forman,	Capt. Sutherland,	James Fraser,	Do.	John Ross.
1802	James Forman,	James Fraser,	Do.	William Annand,	Do.	Daniel Fraser.
1803	James Fraser,	William Lyon,	James Thom,	Robert Lyon,	Do.	James Fergus.
1804	William Lyon,	James Thom,	James Fergus,	John Liddell,	Do.	James Grant.
1805	James Thom,	James Fergus,	John Liddell,	Peter Robb,	Do.	Do.
1806	James Ewing,	Wm. Annand,	Peter Robb,	William Duffus,	Do.	James Fraser.
1807	Chas. Geddes,	Wm. Duffus,	Alex. Morrison,	William Forsyth,	Do.	James Forman.
1808	William Duffus,	Peter Robb,	Wm. Bowie,	James Grant,	Do.	Alex. Smith.
1809	John Black,	John Liddell,	James Ewing,	James Thom,	Do.	John Telford.
1810	John Liddell,	James Ewing,	James Thom,	John Henry,	Do.	Do.
1811	James Ewing,	James Thom,	John Henry,	William Bowie,	Do.	Jas. Telford.
1812	James Thom,	John Henry,	Wm. Bowie,	Richard Kidston,	Do.	Wm. Bremner.
1813	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.	Do.
1814	James Forman,	Richard Kidston,	James Bain,	Alex. Fiddes,	Do.	George Mitchell.
1815	R. Kidston, jr,	James Bain,	Alex. Fiddes,	Henry Ford,	Robt. Lyon	Geo. Mitchell.
1816	Do.	William Bowie,	Duncan McColl,	Wm. Kidston, jr.,	James Thom	James Hogg.

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Year.	President.	Vice-President.	Senr. Assistant.	Junr. Assistant.	Treasurer.	Secretary.
1817	Wm. Bowie	Alexander Fiddes	Do.	George Mitchell	Do.	Geo. Mitchell.
1818	Alex. Fiddes	Duncan McColl	Gee. Mitchell	John Dempster	Geo. Mitchell	James Russell.
1819	Hon. B. Halliburton	George Mitchell	John Dempster	Goo. N. Russell	Do.	Do.
1820	James Forman	John Dempster	Geo. N. Russell	Chas. S. Gray	Do.	H. McDonald.
1821	Hon. M. Wallace	George N. Russel	S. G. W. Archibald	Alex. May	Do.	Jas. Forman, jr.
1822	Geo. N. Russell	S. G. W. Archibald	Alex. May	James Forman, jr.	Do.	Duncan Black.
1823	S. G. W. Archibald.	Alex. May	Jas. Forman, jr.	Duncan Black	Do.	A. D. Russell.
1824	Alex. May	James Forman, jr.	Duncan Black	A. D. Russell	Do.	Robert Noble.
1825	James Forman, jr.	Duncan Black	A. D. Russell	Robert Noble	Do.	Robert M. Brown.
1826	John Williamson	Robert Noble	R. M. Brown	James F. Gray	A. Mitchell	Saml. Mitchell.
1827	John Young	Samuel Mitchell	James F. Gray	Edward Wallace	Do.	Wm. Young.
1828	Samuel Mitchell	T. Williamson	Wm. Young	James Purvis	Do.	Geo. R. Young.
1829	T. Williamson	Wm. Young	George R. Young	James F. Gray	Do.	J. W. C. Brown.
1830	George N. Russell.	Robert M. Brown	James F. Gray	W. B. Robertson	Do.	Do.
1831	Robert M. Brown	Alexander Keith	W. B. Robertson	Geo. R. Young	Do.	Archd. Sinclair.
1832	Alex. Keith	W. B. Robertson	Robert Romans	Alexander Paul	Do.	Do.
1833	W. B. Robertson	Robert Romans	Archibald Sinclair	Do.	Do.	John Watt.
1834	Robert Romans	Archibald Sinclair	Hugh Campbell	Angus Fraser	Alex. Fiddes	Do.
1835	Archibald Sinclair.	Wm. Murdoch	John Watt	Wm. Miller	Do.	John Esson.
1836	Robert Noble	George R. Young	Andrew McKinlay.	Adam Reid	Do.	Do.
1837	George R. Young	John Munro	John Esson	James Murdoch	John Watt	Angus Fraser,
1838	John Munro	James F. Gray	Edward Wallace	Alex. Primrose	Do.	James Lessel.
1839	James F. Gray	Alex. Primrose	C. W. Wallace	John McLean	Do.	John McGregor.
1840	Alex. Primrose	C. W. Wallace	John McLean	John Fraser	Do.	Samuel Gray.
1841	C. W. Wallace	John McLean	John Fraser	Robert D Clarke	Do.	Geo. P. Mitchell.
1842	John McLean	Robert D. Clarke	John McGregor	Wm. S. More	Do.	Alex. McNab.
1843	Robert D. Clarke	John McGregor	Hugh Lyle	John McDougall	Do.	Donald Murray.
1844	John McGregor	John Richardson	John McDougall	Samuel Gray	Do.	James Scott.
1845	John Richardson	James Thomson	Samuel Gray	Donald Murray	Do.	George McKenzie.
1846	James Thomson	John Esson	Do.	James C. Hume	Do.	Wm. Grant, jr.

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1846	James Thomson.....	John Esson.....	Do.	James C. Hume..... ...	Do.	Wm. Grant, jr.

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1848	Wm. Murdoch.....	Hon. Wm. Young.....	John Strachan.....	George Esson.....	Do.	Do.
1849	Hon. Wm. Young...	John McDougall.	George Esson.....	John Strachan..	Do.	Do.
1850	John McDougall.....	George McKenzie.. ...	John Gibson.....	Geo. P. Mitchell.....	Do.	Do.
1851	George McKenzie..	John Strachan.....	Geo. P. Mitchell.....	Donald Murray.....	Do.	Do.
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1858	Peter Ross.....	Capt. John Taylor.....	Wm. Annand.....	Wm. Murray.....	Do	W. B. Smellie .....
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